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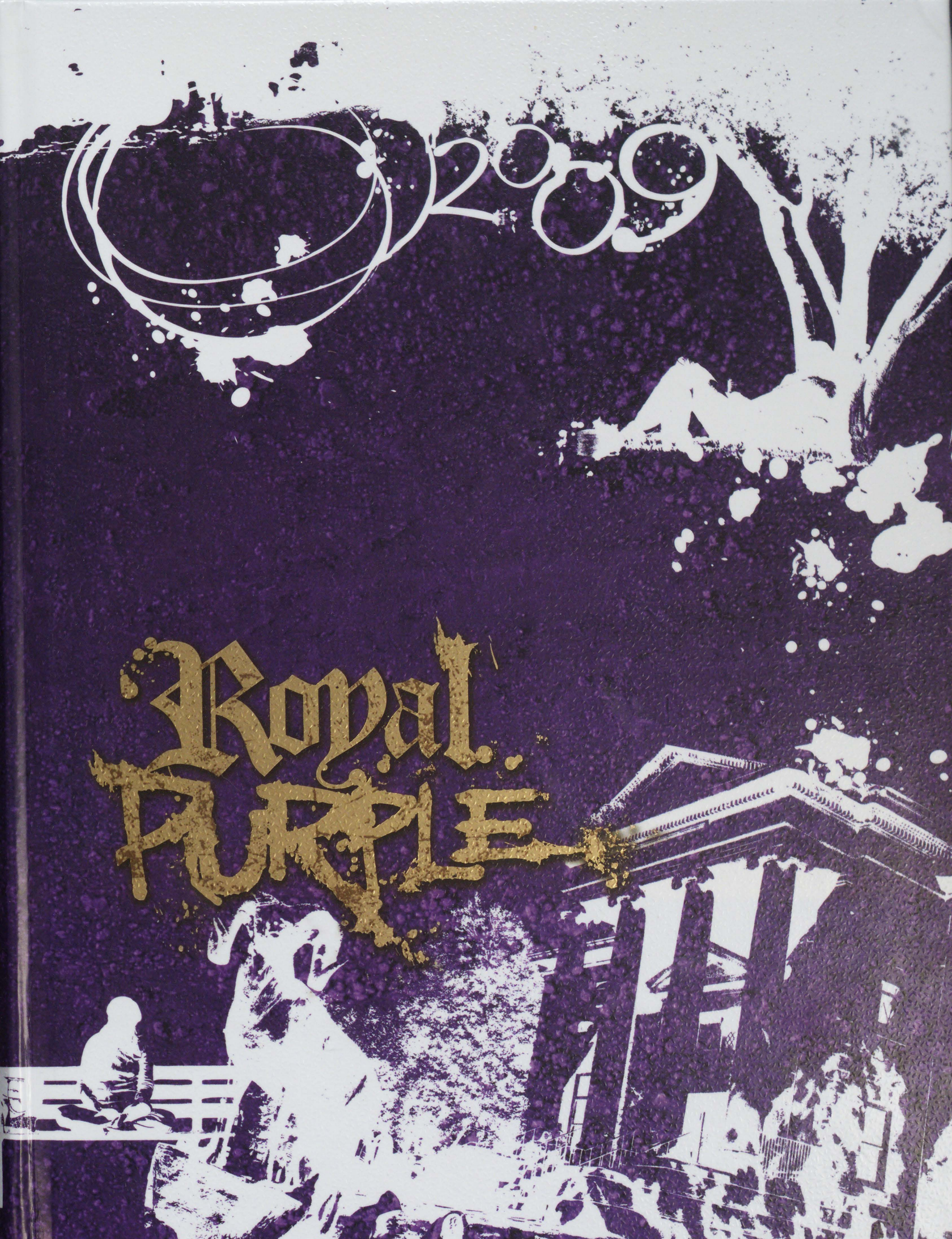

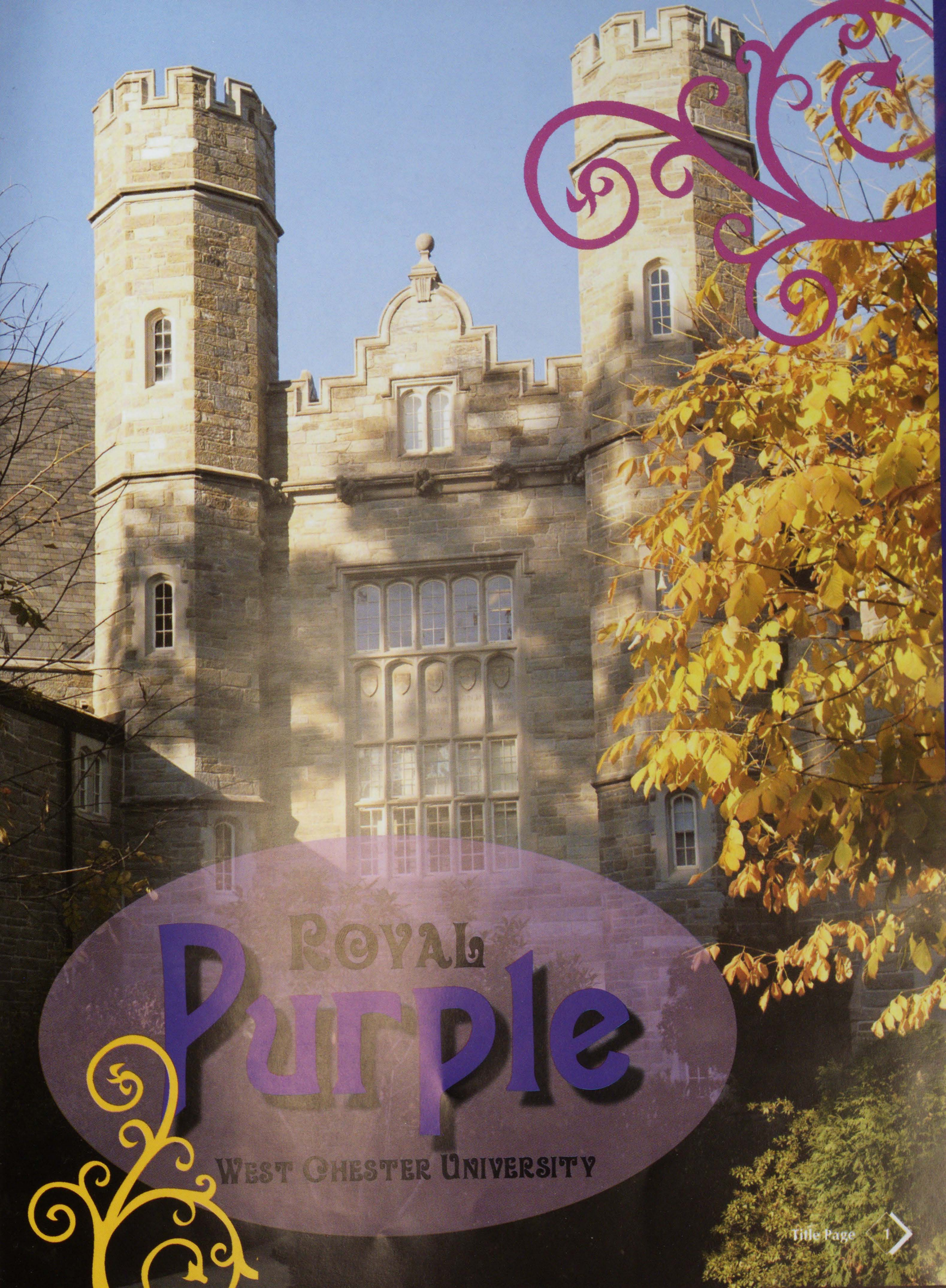
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It has become the namesake of West Chester and the gemstone of campus. Together with the royal hues of purple and gold the Emilie K. Asplundh Concert Hall has become a predominant factor in the regal feeling that is West Chester University and the inspiration for this book. Since the very first time I set foot on this campus I have been under its spell. The beauty and grandeur of its eloquent architecture affects all who see it. It adorns insignias and various university literature and ultimately visualizes what is WCU. I hope that, through this book, you remember your thoughts and feelings the first time you saw the Concert Hall and toured West Chester University. Reminisce on the ups and downs, highs and lows of college life with this book; the 99th volume of the Serpentine saga, *Royal Purple*.

- Jessica Shultz

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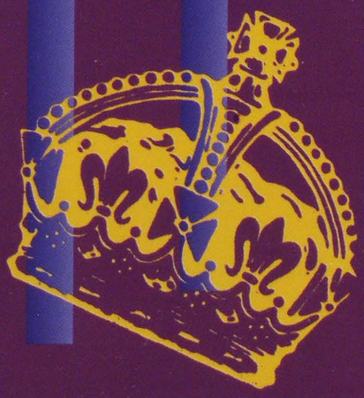

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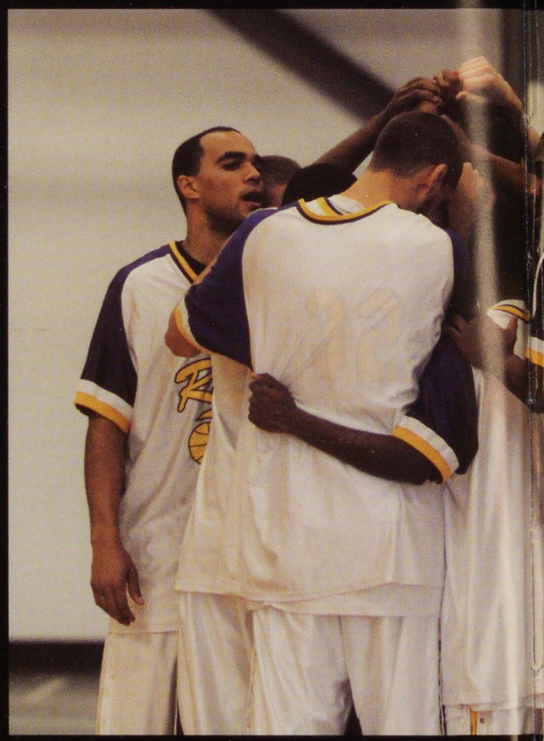

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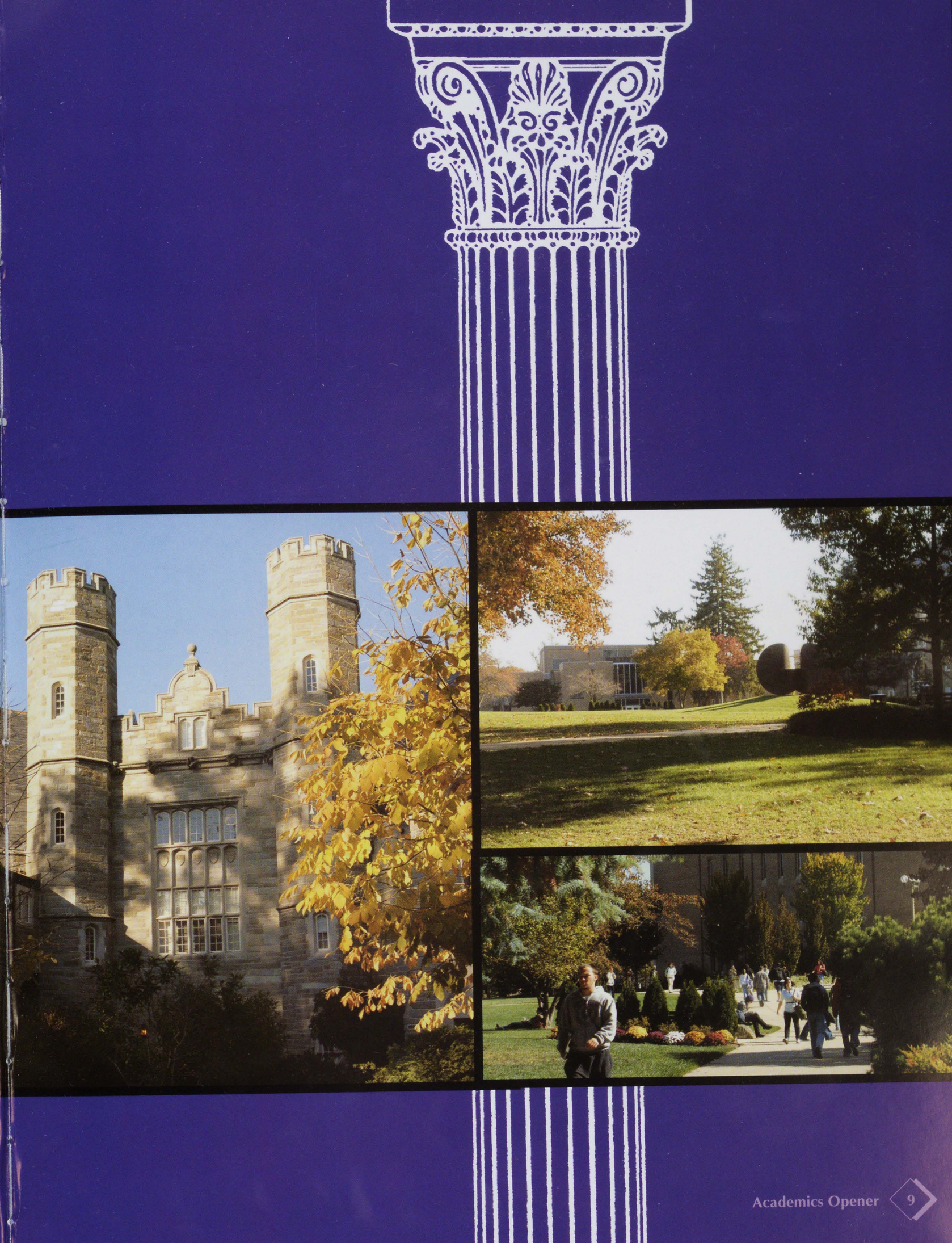

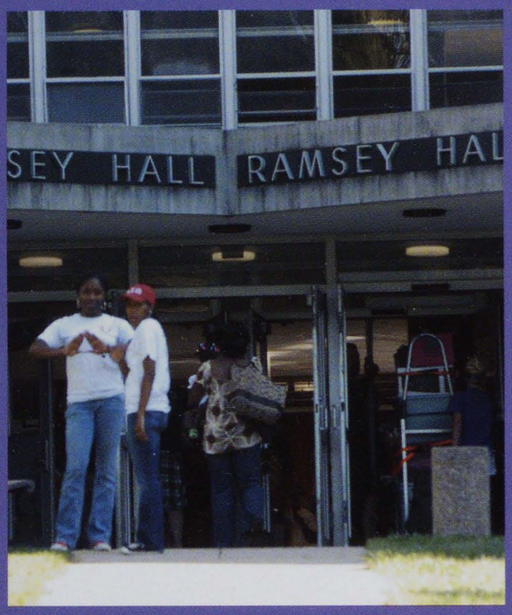
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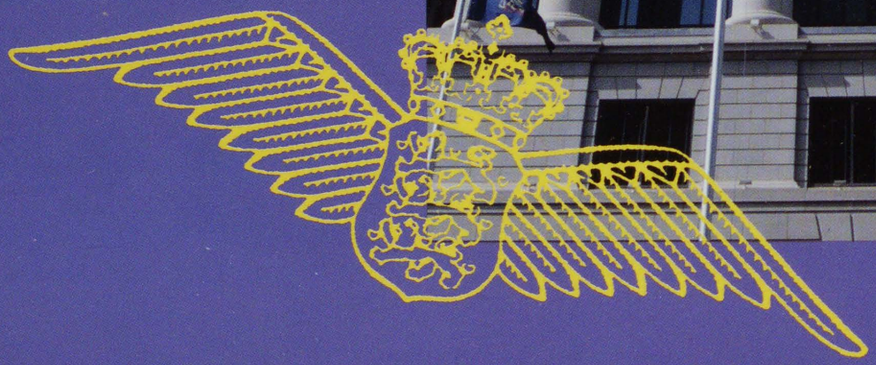

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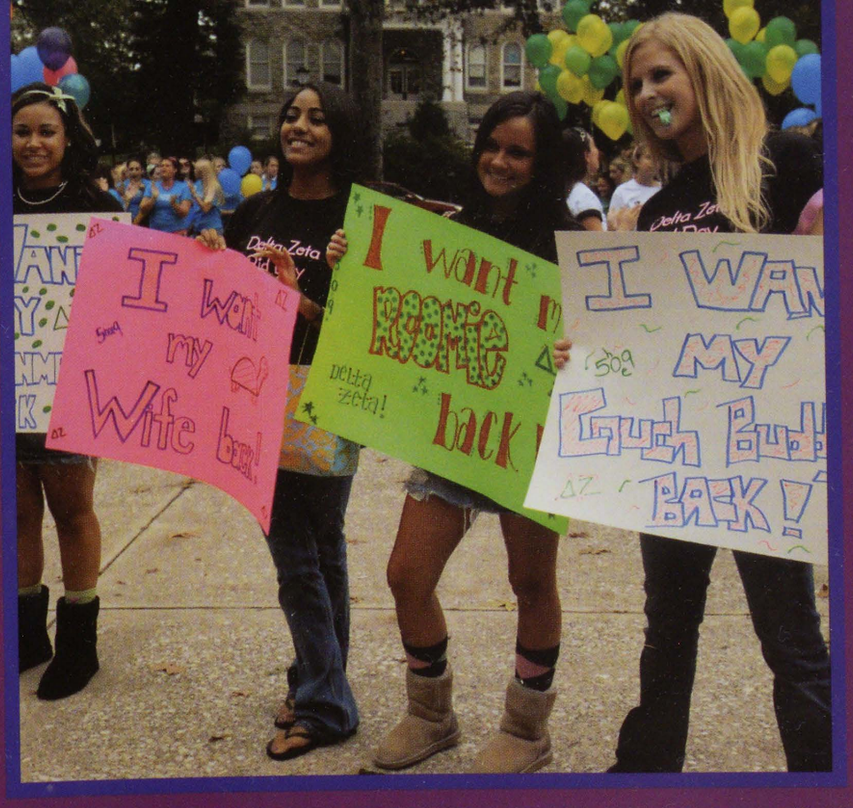
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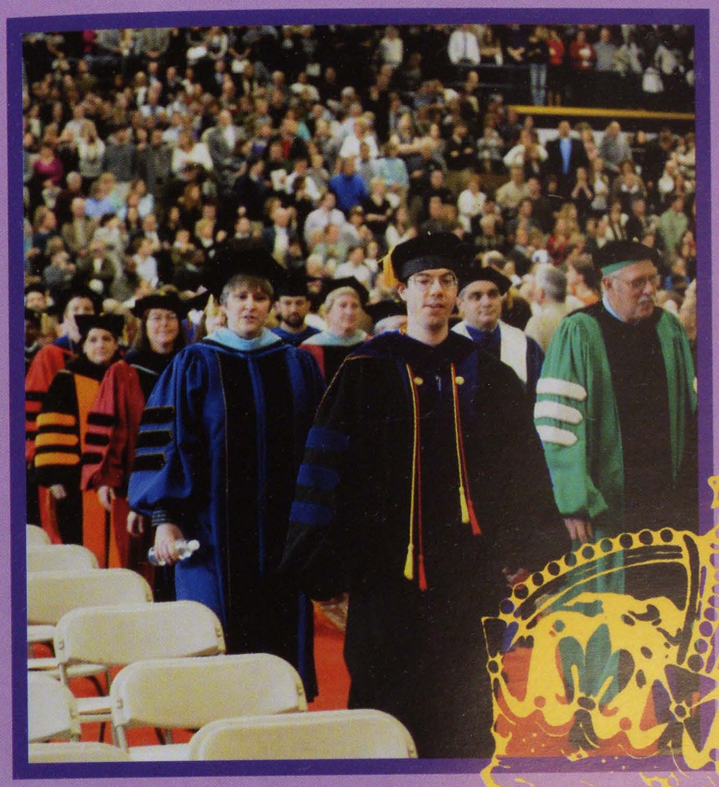
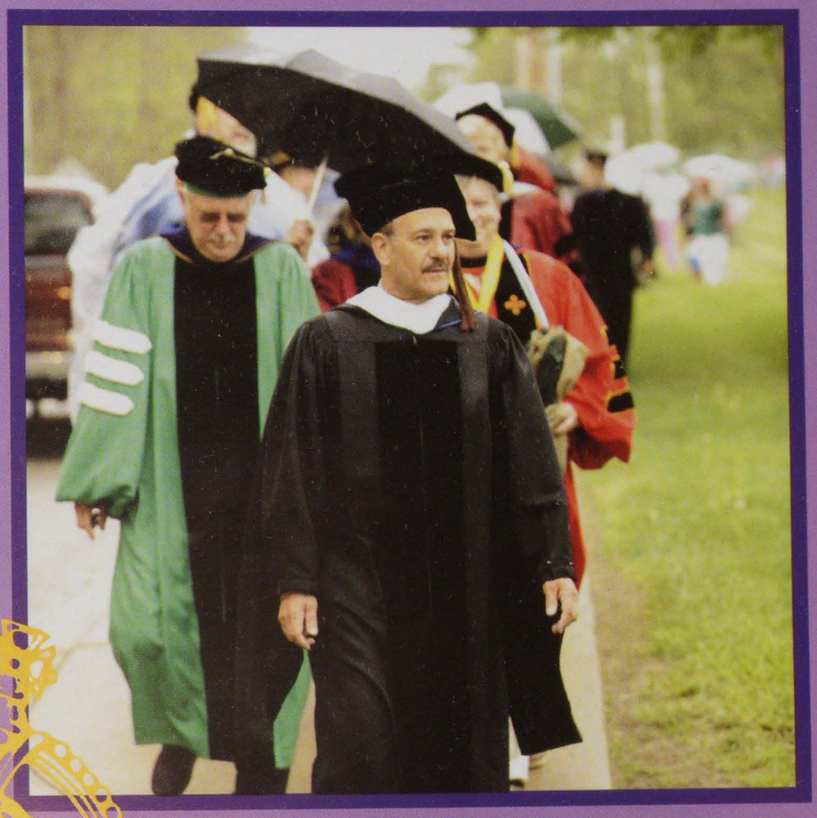


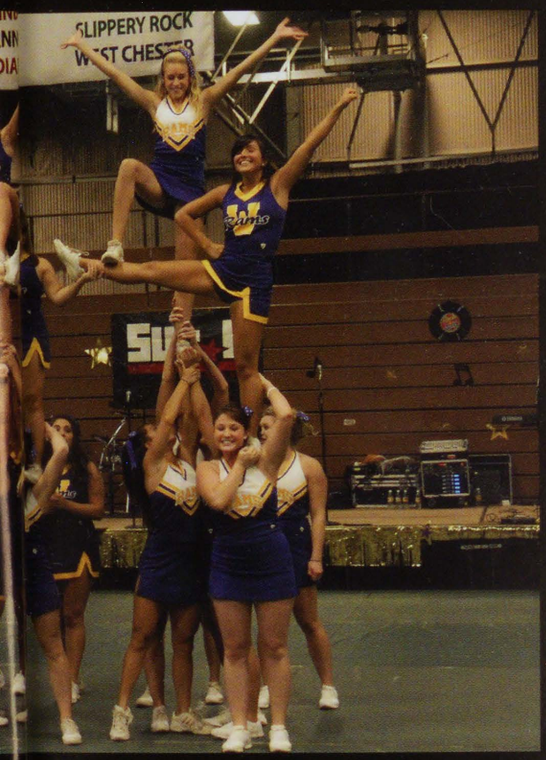


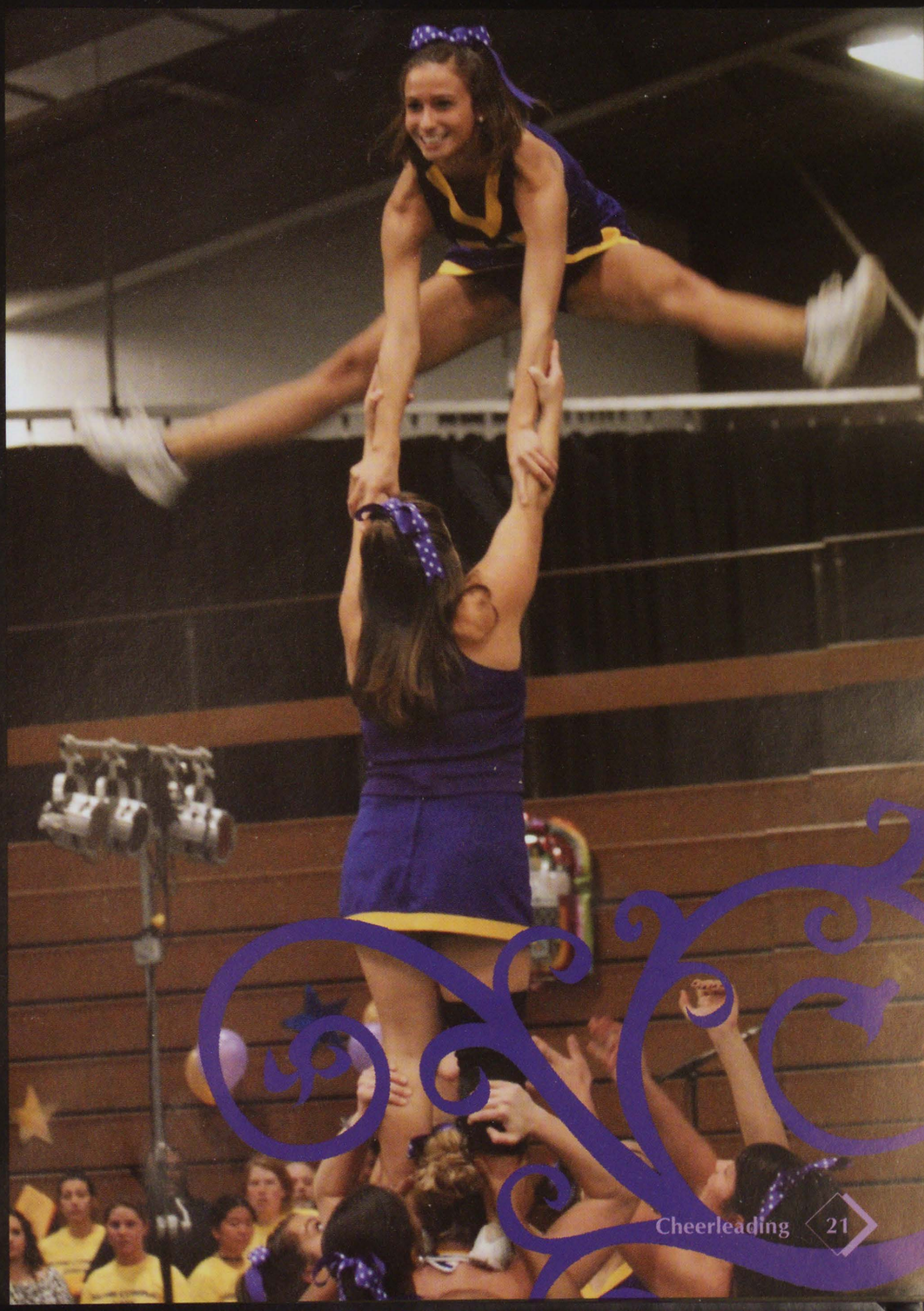
The Palace Players

Sports

Over the summer, the WCU Ram Cheerleaders went to the Universal Cheerleading Association (UCA) College Cheerleading Camp held at the University of Scranton and were awarded with the Leadership Award. There were 45 other schools that attended this four day event. The first three days were devoted to learning new stunts, safety rules, and other cheerleading practices. On the fourth day, all the teams vote on which team they believe the camp would not be the same. The Golden Rams cheerleaders also earned first-place honors in the sideline division and third-place plaudits in the cheer division. The team earned four superior ribbons throughout the week. Congratulations ladies!

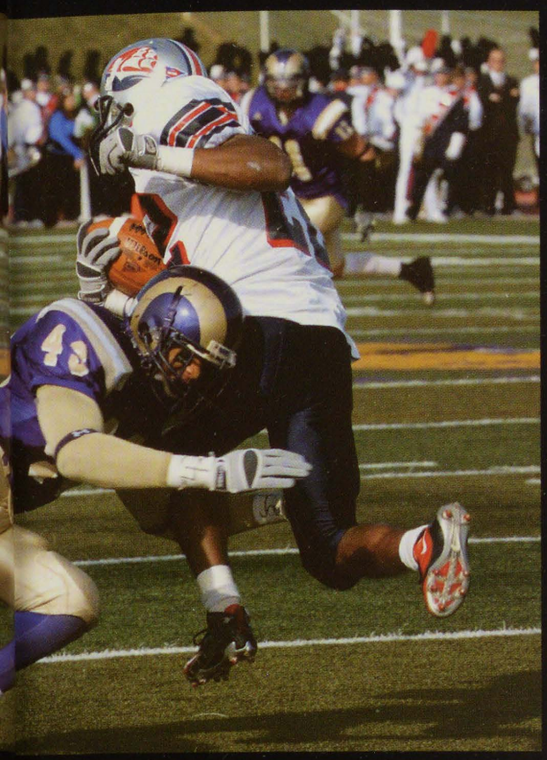
Cheerleading

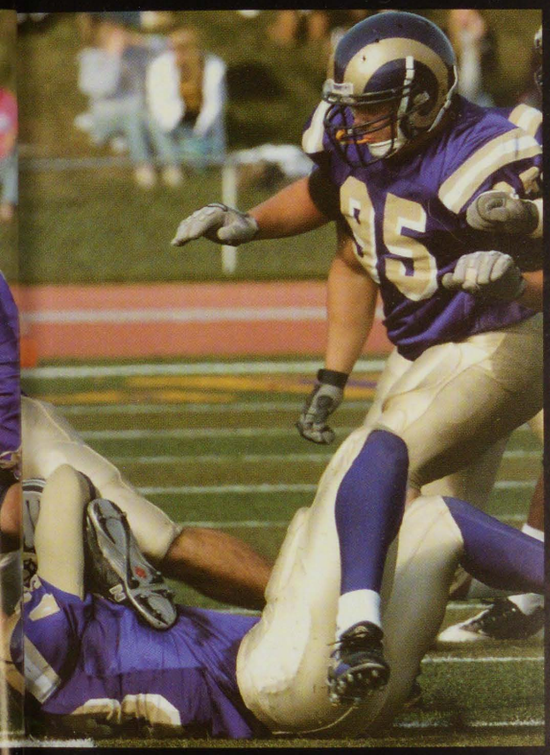


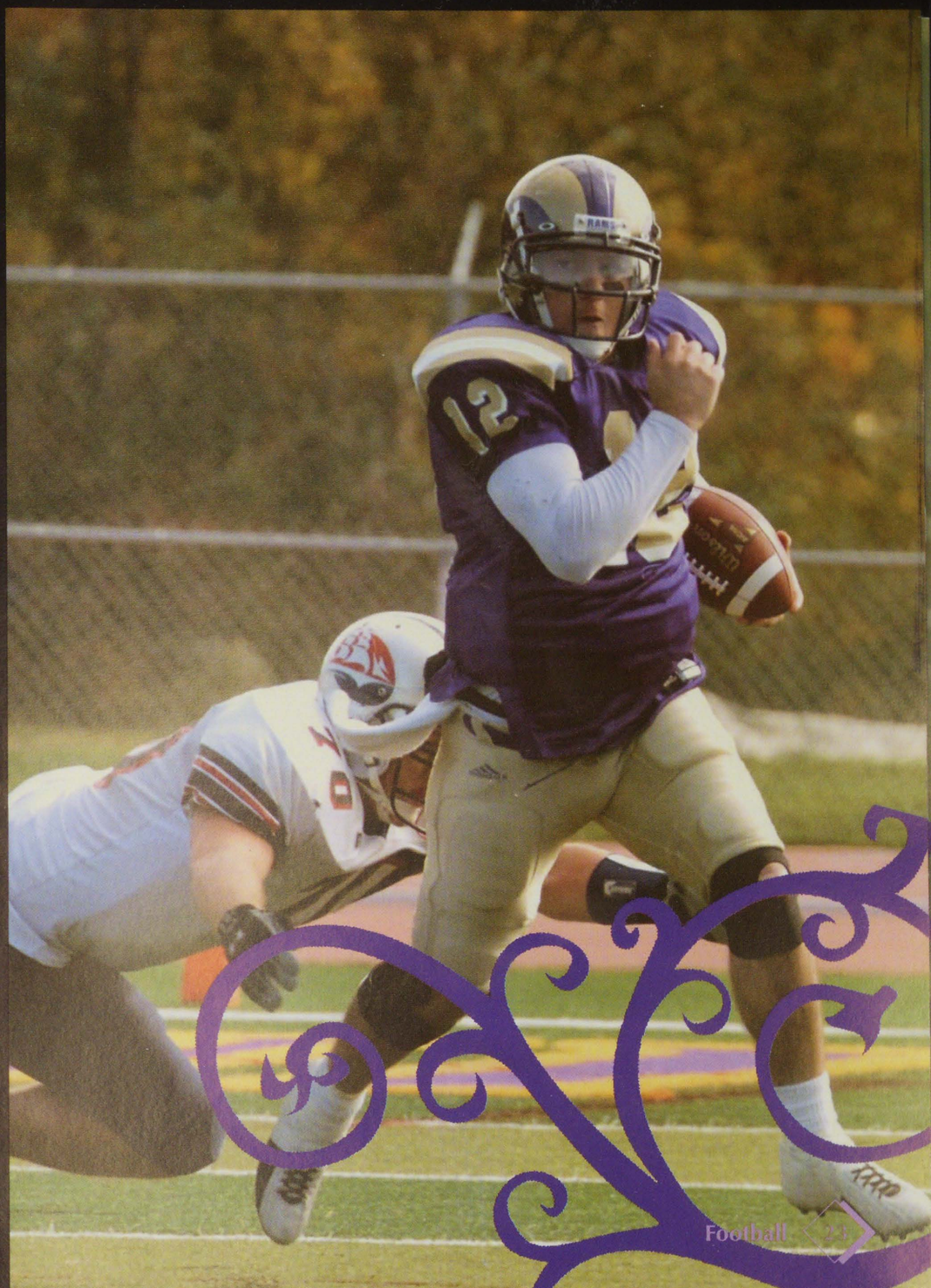


West Chester kept up their reputation yet again for having a powerhouse football team. The Golden Rams rounded out the 2008 football season with a 9-4 season. They remained undefeated in the league until a disappointing 36-47 decision to California University of Pennsylvania. In November the Rams traveled to Bloomsburg for a battle of the undefeated teams. It was an exciting back and forth game where WCU came out on top. West Chester again met the Huskies in the NCAA playoffs where Bloomsburg got their revenge. It was a successful season for the Rams. Two players, Mike Washington and Kennis Jones, were selected to play in the Cactus Bowl. The Golden Rams football team never cease to amaze fans. Here's to a great season!

Football





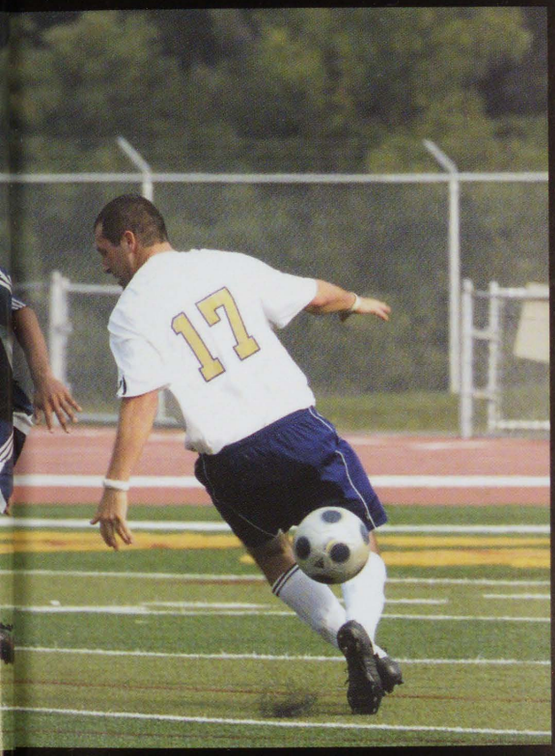


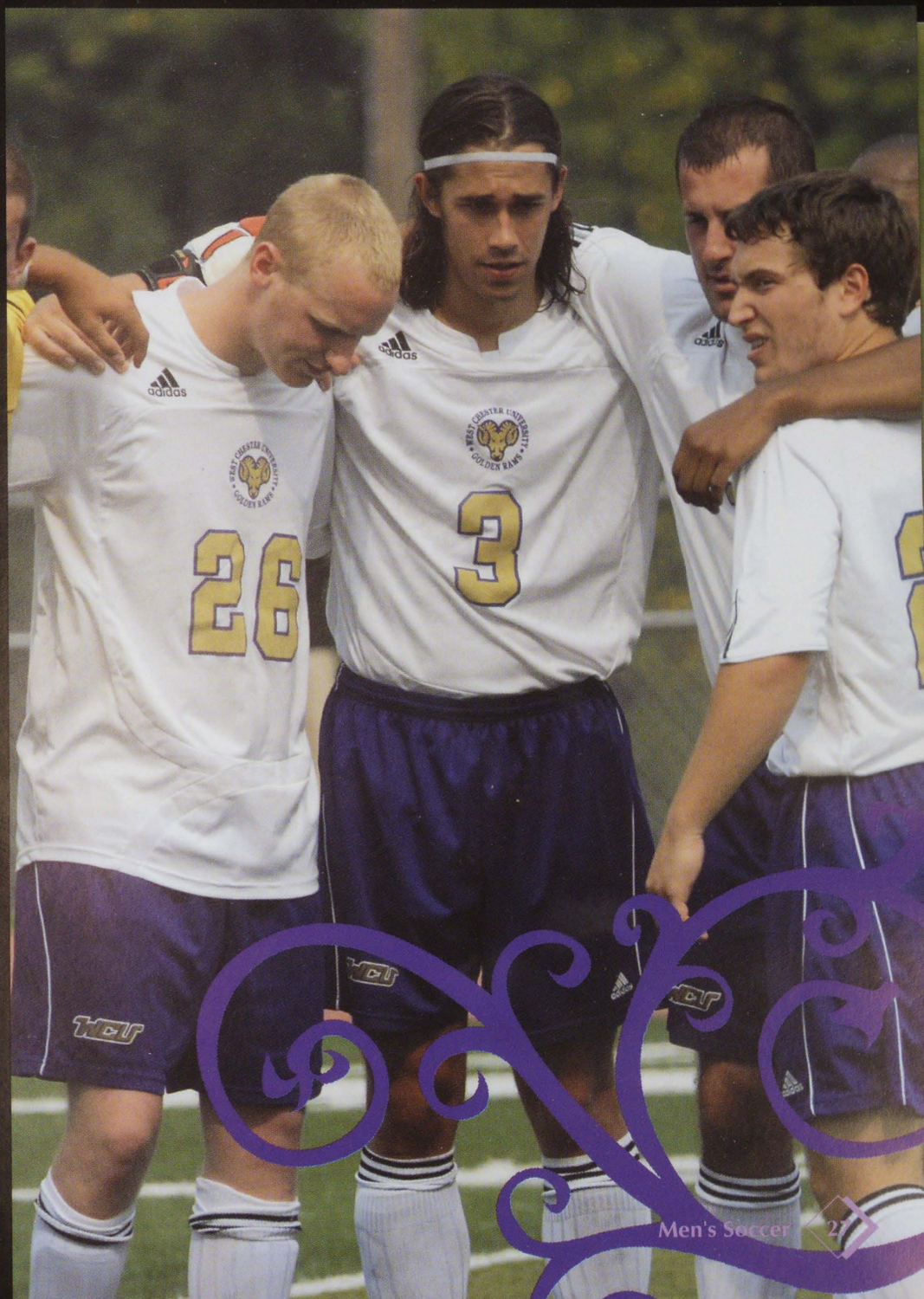
West Chester University's Women's Soccer team started the year ranked seventh nationally by the National Soccer Coaches' Association of America (NSCAA) in its 2008 preseason Top 25 coaches' poll. Senior goalkeeper Hilary Smart was named the PSAC Eastern Division player of the week for her efforts in the team's 3-0 win over Indiana University of Pennsyvania on the road. Lauren Boyer and Brittany Yetter were each named to the 2008 Daktronics Division II Women's Soccer All-America third team as selected by the nation's sports information directors.Yetter was also named to the 2008 NSCAA/adidas Division II All-America women's soccer team The girls had a great season with an overall record of 14-3-5. Good Job girls!

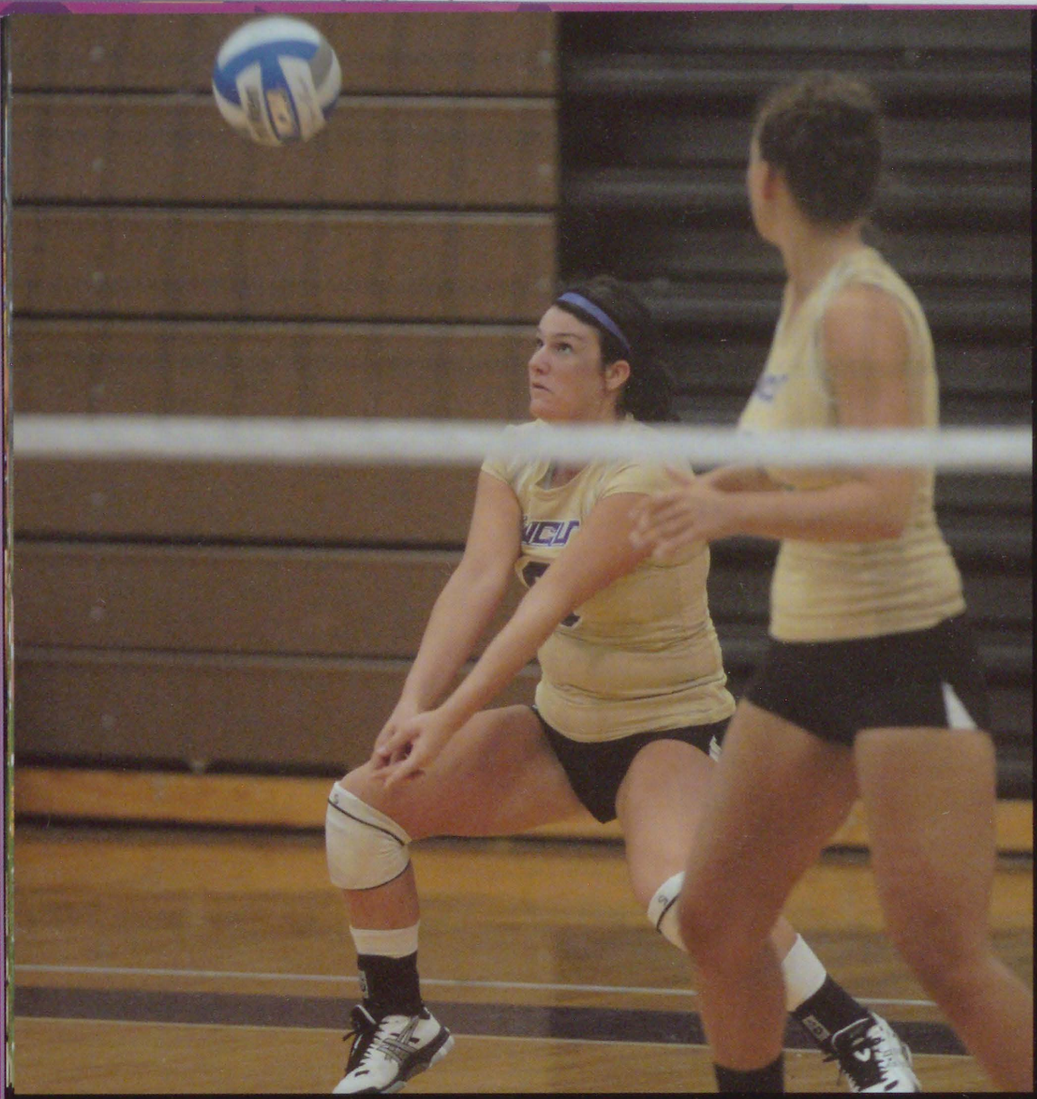
Women's Soccer

The men's soccer team finished their season with 10-3-7 record. Matt Aunet, Zach Weaver, Mike Pryor, and Sean Babcock have all been named to the 2008 All-PSAC East Men's Soccer Team. Aunet also made the first-team as a junior midfielder, started 16 games this season and contributed three goals and one assist. Joining him on the first-team was Zack Weaver, who turned in a stellar campaign holding down the back line by starting all 20 games. He also added two assists offensively on the season. Both Pryor and Babcock represent West Chester on the second team. Pryor, a standout senior forward, started 19 games and led the team with eight goals and 63 shots. He also had one assist on the season. Babcock, a senior defender, started all 20 games this season. It was an impressive season, hopes are high for next season!

Men's Soccer

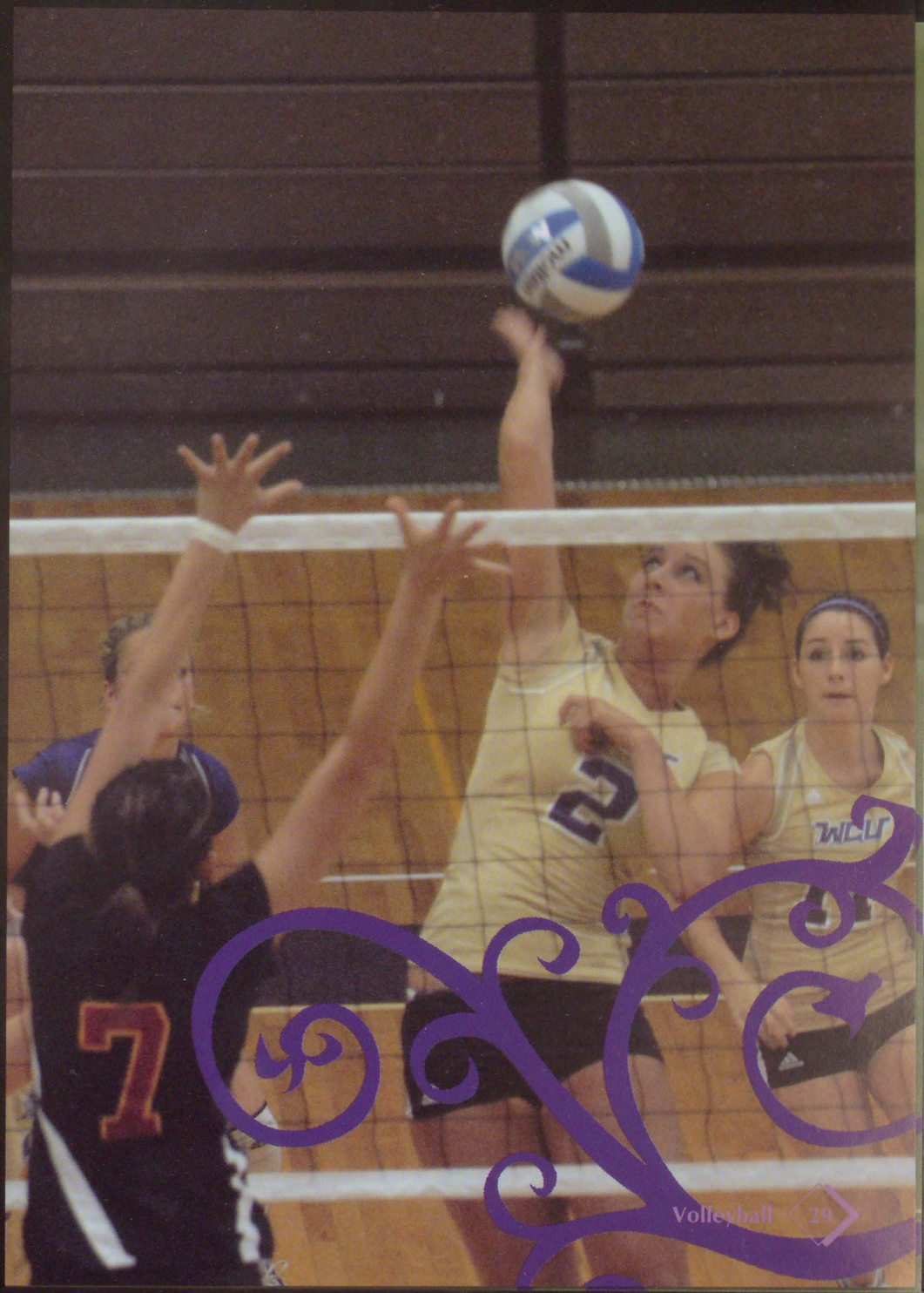






The Golden Ram's volleyball team had another successful year, adding games into the post season. The Lady Ram's finished their season with a remarkable 24-10 record, losing only two of their first fourteen games. They finished their season with an unfortunate 3-1 loss against Shippensburg in the PSAC quarterfinals. Although WCU didn't win, senior Lisa Yeasted finished the season well, with a triple-double in her final collegiate match. West Chester University clinched the playoffs in an exciting home match against cross-town rival Cheyney, with a shut out game and the Ram's scoring three. Way to go West Chester Lady Rams, Keep up the good work for next season!

Volleyball

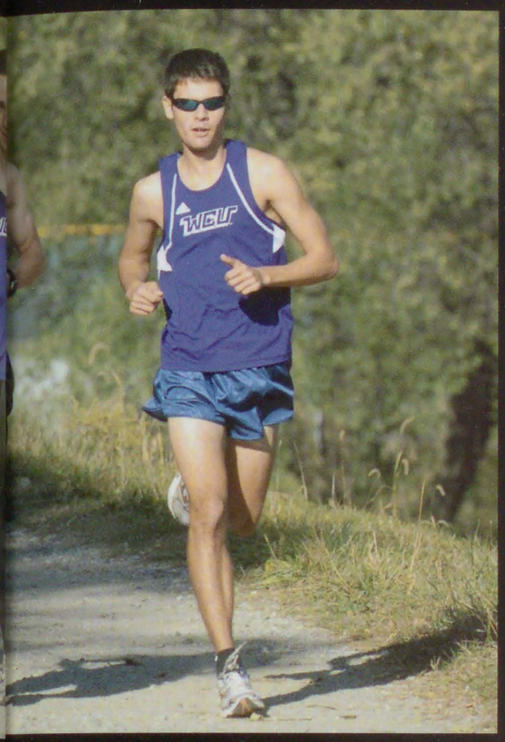


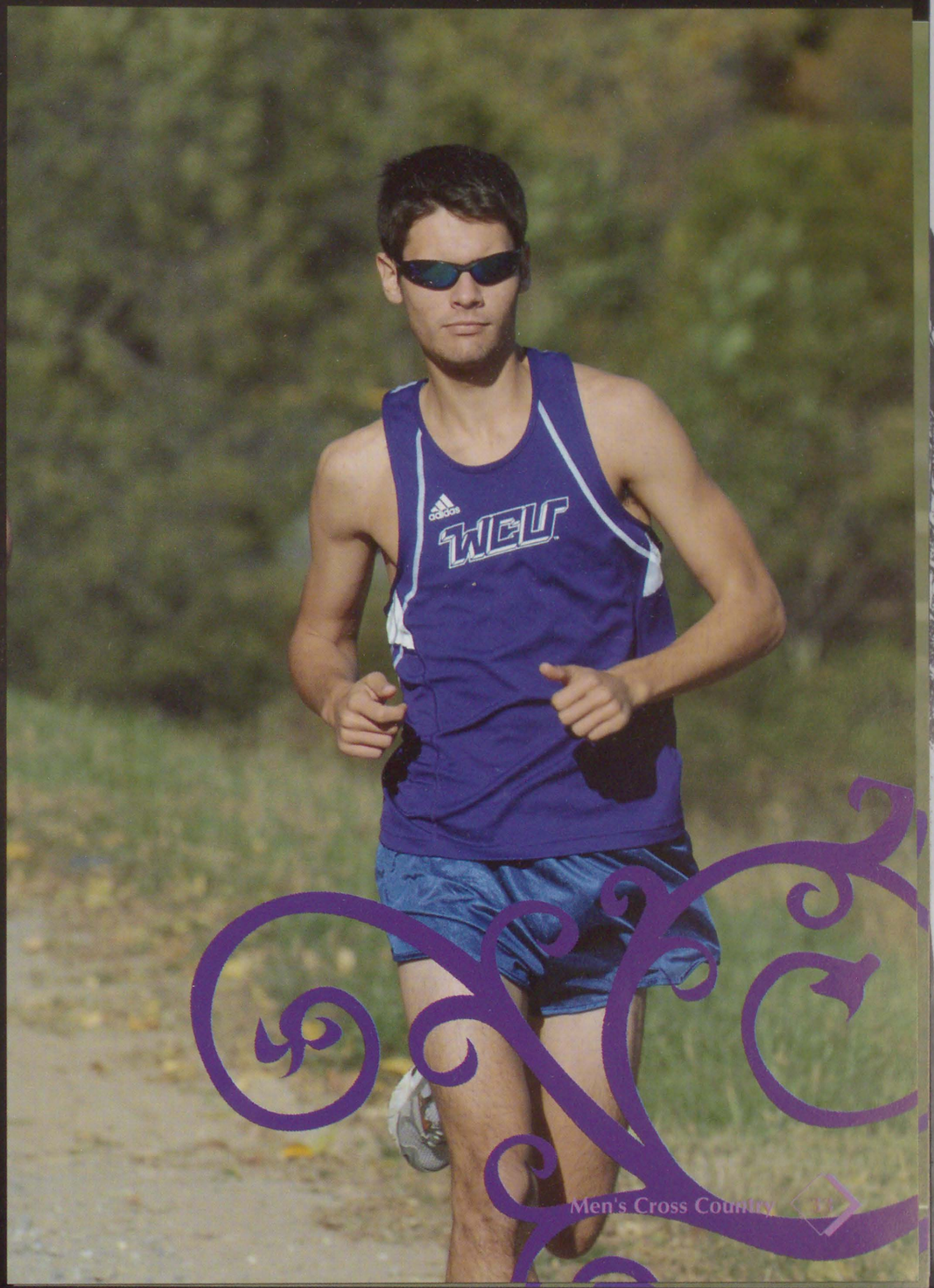
As the saying goes "our sport is your sport's punishment," it takes a lot of heart and determination to be a cross country runner. Endless hours, and endless miles are spent in preparation for the meets. This season the WCU Lady Rams competed in eight meets including the PSAC Championships, where they placed 11th, and the NCAA East Regionals , where they placed 13th. Not only did these young ladies show excellence on the course, but in the classroom as well. The Golden Rams were one of 99 teams to be recognized nationwide their team's overall grade point average of 3.0 or above. These women really capture the ideals of collegiate sports; prestige in their craft and prestige in their grades.

Women's Cross Country

The West Chester Golden Ram's men's cross country team ran through another successful season. These men competed in a total of eight meets including both the PSAC Championship and the NCAA East Regionals. They placed 12th and 11th place respectively. The Golden Rams not only are taking strides on the course, but in the classroom as well. West Chester men's cross country was recognized with two different honors for academic excellence this season. They were named to the USTFCCCA All-Academic teams and was honored along with 67 other sports teams nationwide for their overall grade point average of at least 3.0. Way to go Golden Rams!

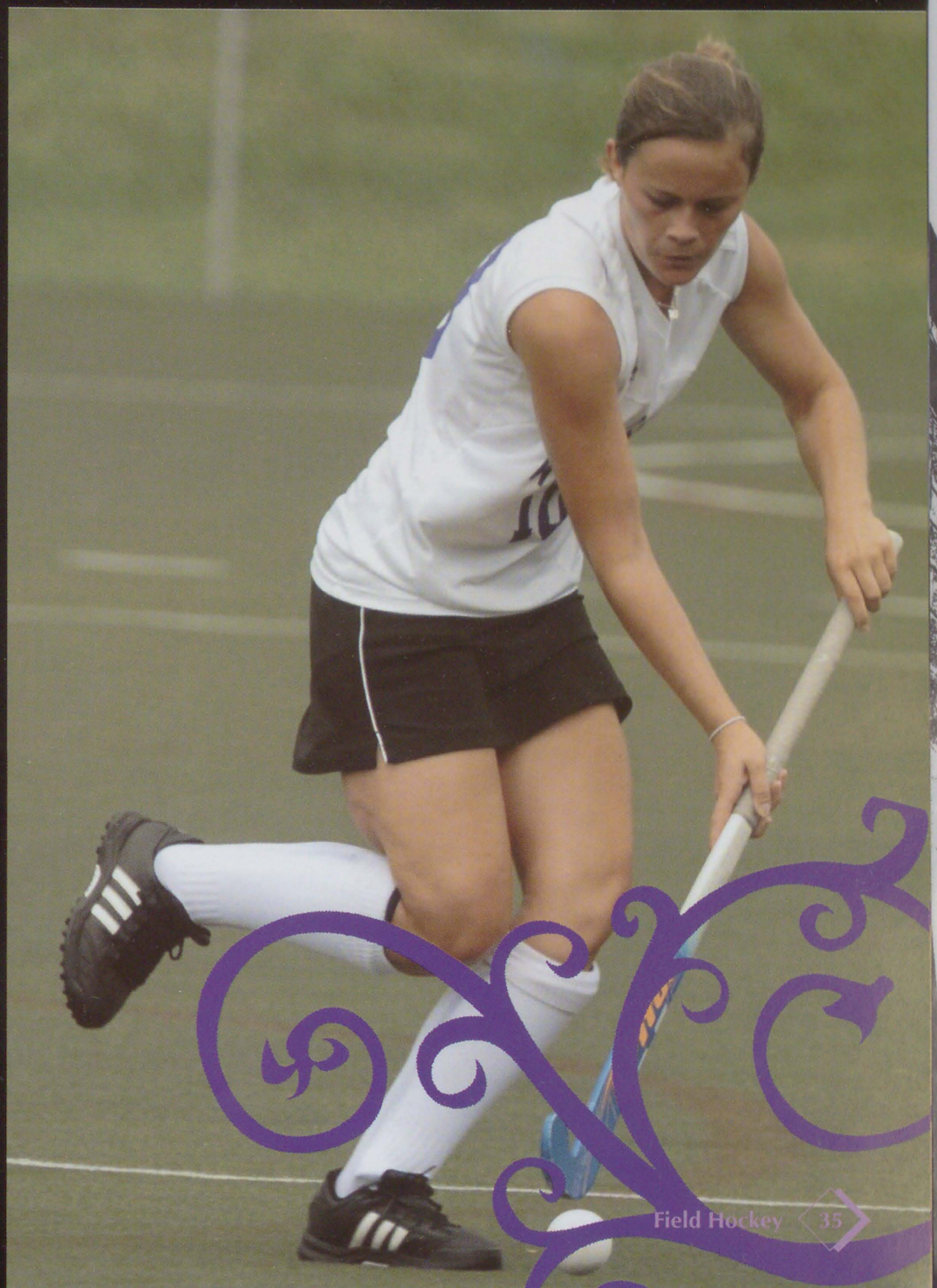
Men's Cross Country





The Lady Rams finished with a 7-11 record. An impressive 5 girls were named to the All-Conference teams. This included 1st and 2nd teams, All-Rookie and the Academic Teams. Sophomore, Brittany Cislak, was named 1st team All-Atlantic 10 and to the Academic All-Conference Team. She ranked 3rd in the Atlantic 10 in points, points per game, goals, and goals per game. Cislak ranked 6th in assists, 7th in assists per game, and 5th in game winning goals! What an impressive record! Senior defender Desiree Walker was named 2nd team All-Atlantic 10. She finished 2nd on the team with 4 goals and 4 assists. Walker was 2nd in shots and 3rd in shots per game in the conference. Beth Wong, a Junior midfielder, was also named 2nd team All-Atlantic 10 with 4 registered assists. Freshmen Leah Angstadt and Alyssa Gallen were named to the All-Rookie Team for the Atlantic 10 Conference. Way to go girls!

Field Hockey

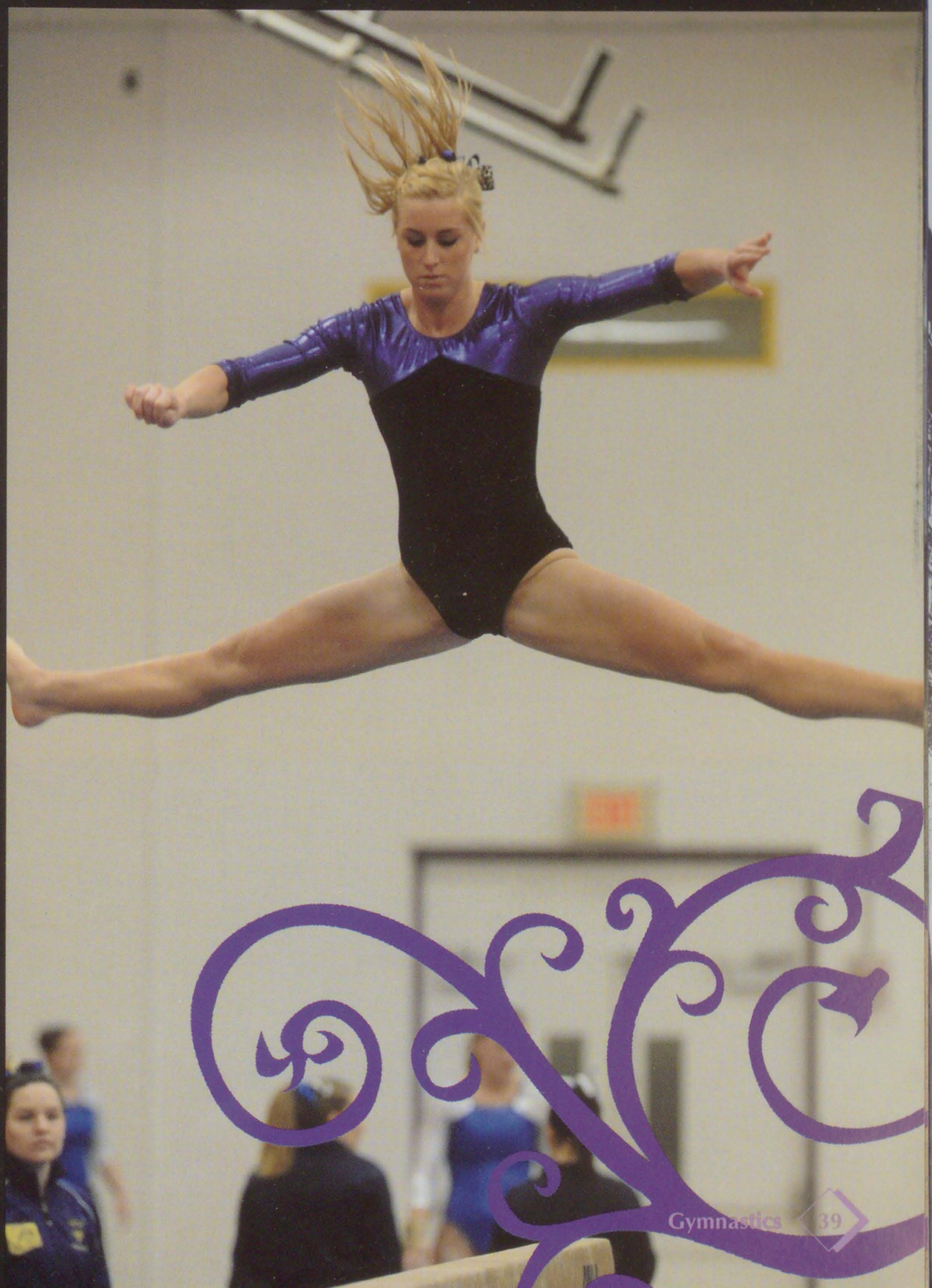


This year the Lady Rams had a 4-3 season. Their last game at Princeton, NJ gave them their third title. This is not the first time the Rams and Tigers have battled in Division I Eastern Pennsylvania Rugby Union. In fact, the Golden Rams not only defeated Princeton earlier in the fall, but have also beaten them in each of the last three seasons for the Division I title of the union. The Lady Rams' win qualifies West Chester for the Mid-Atlantic Rugby Football Union (MARFU) playoffs and a home match in the first game next March. If the Golden Rams win that match, they move into the MARFU top four and then automatically into nationals. Good luck Lady Rams!

Rugby

The West Chester University gymnastics team had another successful season, losing only one meet throughout the entire year. These ladies lost only one meet to Brown and managed to rank in the top four for all other meets. Freshman Alli Aquila made a name for herself this year. She competed at the national level at the 2009 USA Gymnastics Collegiate Nationals. There, Aquila scored her personal best, a 36.975 which landed her in a tie for 15th in the country along with another woman from the Air Force Academy. As a whole the team reached the peak of their season while competing at Ursinus. The Golden Rams registered a 178.825 overall score, the nighest of the season. With such a great season behind them, nothing but success lies ahead for these WCU gymnasts.

Gymnastics

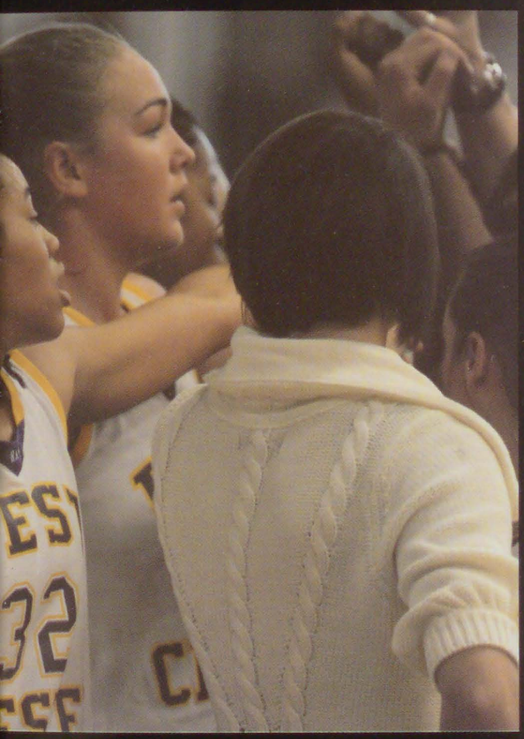


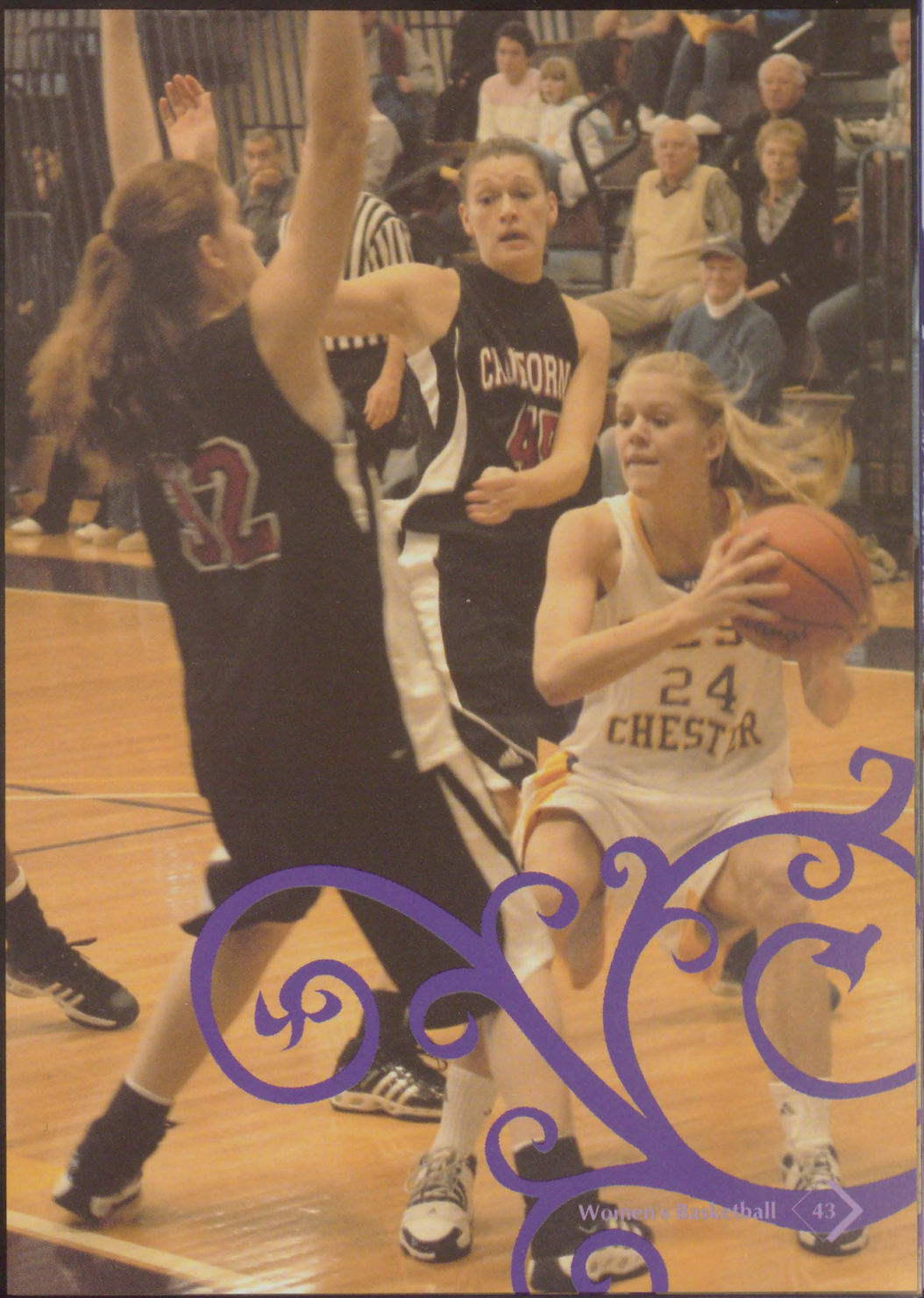
The West Chester University lacrosse team was coming off of an outstanding season last year. Hopes were high for another season like the previous where these ladies brought a national championship back to West Chester. Unfortunately, these women fell to the lacrosse players of Lock Haven University during the PSAC Championship with a heart breaking 10 to 13 finish. Although a national championship was not yet again achieved, it does not mean the team was without honors. For starters, these ladies lost only three games the entire season, which is impressive itself. Five Golden Rams were selected to the IWLCA all-region lacrosse team, Courtney Whiting was named a first team All-American, and Gina DiDomenicis and Courtney Whiting were named to the All-ECAC Team. Way to go WC Rams, you never fail to make the University proud!

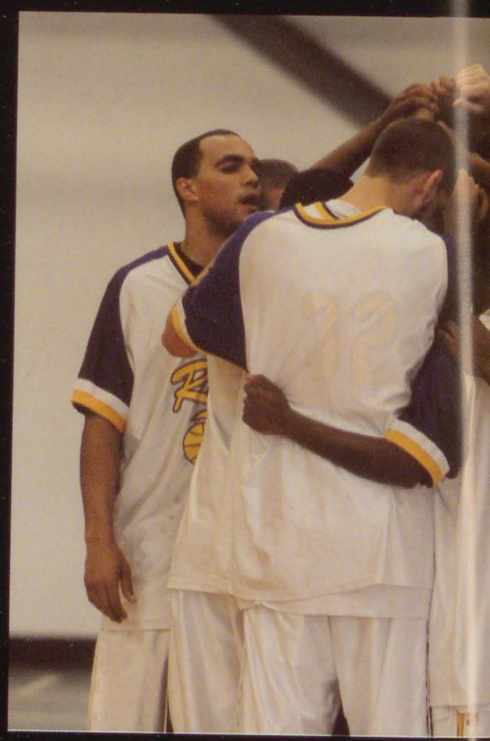
Lacrosse

The Golden Rams finished with a 20-9 overall record and first place in the PSAC East. Senior Dana Weems and junior captain Janelle Garber were each named to the first team All-PSAC Eastern Division. Weems is a repeat first team selection while Garber makes her first appearance. Megan Stewart was a second-team all-league pick. Sophomore point guard Megan Stewart became just the fifth Golden Rams' player to register more than 100 assists in back-to-back seasons. She dished out a career-high 107 helpers, topping her freshman total of 103. Head Coach Deirdre Kane was named Region 2 Russell Athletic/WBCA Coach of the Year. The honor marks the third time in her 25 year coaching career that Kane has been honored by the WBCA. She is now eligible for national head coach of year.

Women's Basketball

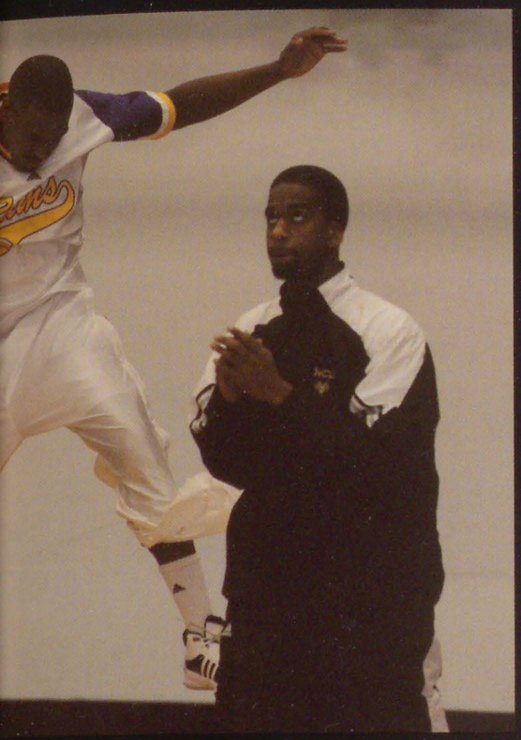


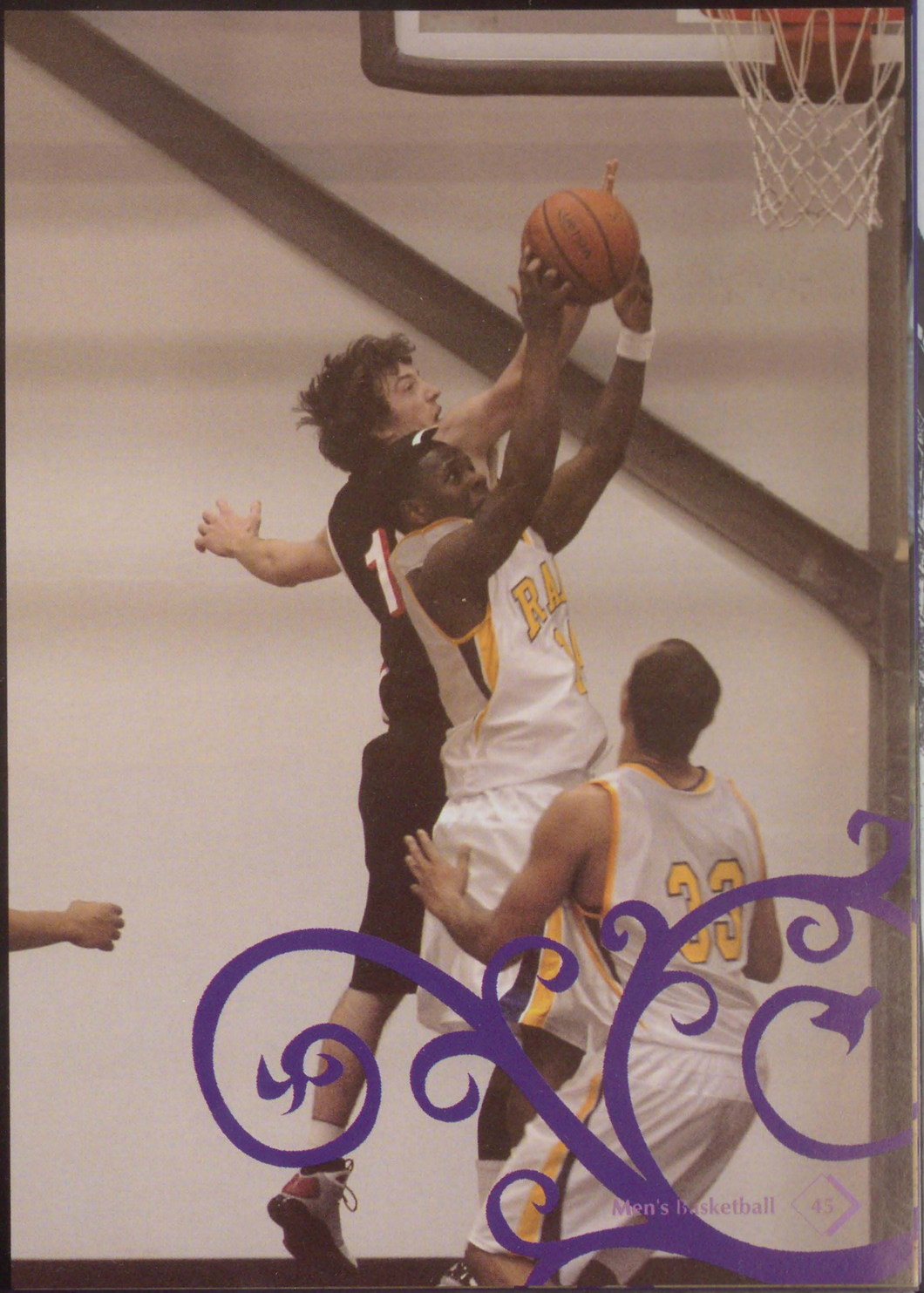




The Men's Basketball team finished in third place in the Eastern Division with an 18-10 record. First-year head coach Damien Blair pushed his team to the limit as the Golden Rams reached the PSAC postseason tournament for the first time in two years, falling to Cheyney in the first round. Not only did they round out the season with an impressive standing, many of the players were given indivual honors as well. Both Ralph Hegamin and Kenny St. George were named to the first team All-PSAC East. This was the first time for these men to be given a first place award. St. George was a second-team pick a year ago and preseason all-league selection back in October. Teammate Kehinde Roberts was alos honored to the second team All-PSAC east.

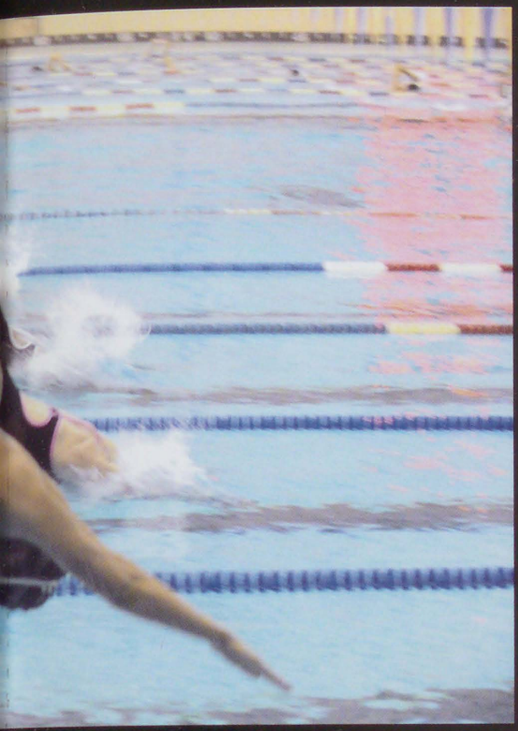
Men's Basketball





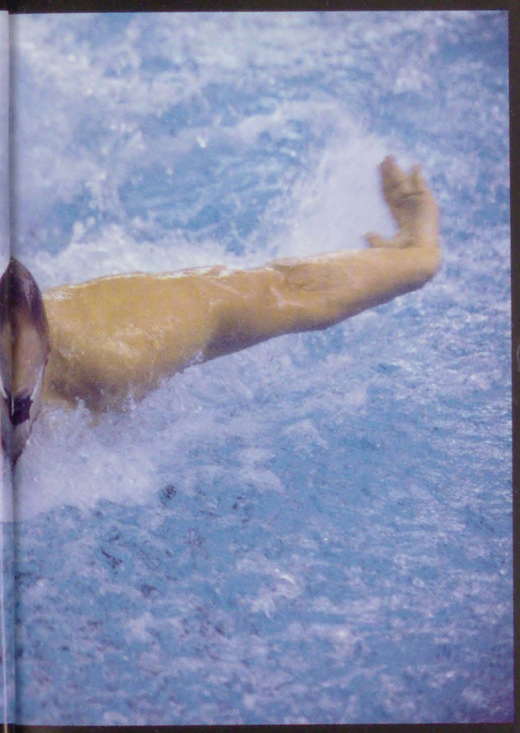
The 2008-2009 Women's Swimming and Diving team finished the season with a winning 6 - 1 record. The team went on to compete in the 2009 PSAC Women's Swimming Championship where they beat longstanding rival Clarion University with 438.5 points. The team then qualified for the NCAA Division II Championships where they came in fifth place overall. Junior Jackie Borkowski was named All-America for her third time in the individual category and fourth time as a member of the relay squad. Megan Bauer, Danielle Ierly and Kristen Montello were also relay members named All-America. At the NCAA conference in Houston, Texas, the team was recognized for their academic excellence, having a cumulative GPA of 3.5. To end the season, Jackie Borkowski was named PASC's Women's Swimming Athlete of the Year by a vote of the leagues head coaches which included West Chester's own Coach Jamie Rudisill.

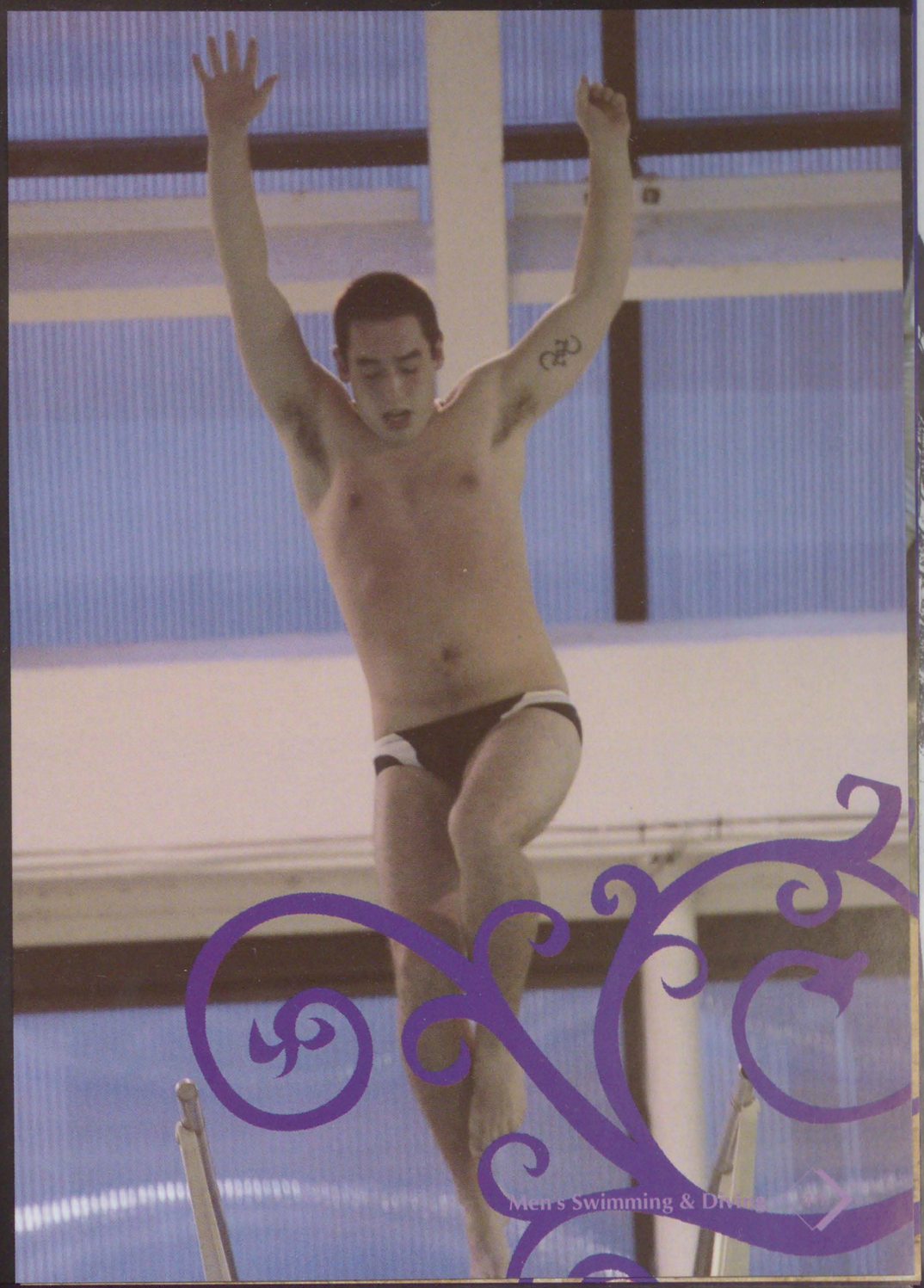
Women's Swimming & Diving



The 2008 - 2009 Men's Swimming and Diving team had a strong season. Led by Coaches Jamie Rudisill and Steve Mazurek, the men's team finished the season with an impressive 7 - 1 record. The team went on to compete in the PSAC Men's Swimming Championships where they won the title for the eleventh consecutive time. Along with the conference title, 16 individual titles were also awarded to members of the team. Senior Matt Golebiewski won seven conference championships and set a PSAC record. The team placed tenth in the 2009 NCAA Division II Championships, with a sixth place finish in the 400-yard relay and other individual achievements. The team was also honored for their academic achievements, having a cumulative GPA of 3.323.

Men's Swimming & Diving





The 2009 Golden Rams Softball team had a winning season with a 28 - 20 record. The team beat Millersville in a PSAC East doubleheader. The season continued as the team was selected for the 2009 NCAA Division II Softball Championships for the second consecutive season. An unfortunate loss to Bloomsburg sent the ladies home but it did not prevent seniors Shannon Padula, Megan Harbaugh, Meghan Halberstadt and Kristin McCoy from playing a major role in the most successful four-year period in Golden Rams' Softball history. This season Padula broke the University's record for number of strike-outs in softball! Erin MacNamee, Evelyn Anderson and Samantha Ingersoll joined Harbough in being named members of the All-PASC East softball team.

Softball

The 2009 Men's Baseball team played hard and it showed with their 46 - 12 overall record. The team participated in the Bill Giles Invitational Chamionship Game at Citizens Bank Park where they won the sixth title for West Chester University. The team then went on to play in the PSAC postseason baseball tournament. The West Chester team won the tournament for the first time in 24 years with a 16-2 victory over Mercyhurst. Senior outfielder Matt Cotellese, who was named tournament MVP, led the team to the NCAA Tournament where they made it to the Division II College World Series. Unfortunately, the team ended their season with a lost to UC San Diego. Cotellese was named to the ABCA Division II All-America first team and was named All-ECAC along with junior shortstop Nick Spisak. Head Coach Greg Mamula believes that the 2009 season was one of the best in school history.

Baseball

The men's Track and Field team started their 2009 season with a first place finish at the Delaware Invitational. The team then welcomed Aaron Keiser as its new head coach who led the team to be top finalists in many of the meets throughout the spring semester. The team finished in seventh place at the 2009 Men's PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships where six Golden Rams were placed on the podium as place winners in their designated events. Eric Broadbent, former team member and now assistant coach, finished fifth in his meet at the 2009 USA Indoor Combined Events Championships. The outdoor season opened in March with the WCU Invitational where four Golden Rams and the 4 x 100 meter relay team won first place. The 4 x 100 relay team then continued to win first place at the Widner Invitational . The team finished their season with an eighth place win at the 2009 PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Millersville University.

Men's Track & Field

The women's Track and Field team started their 2009 season with a first place finish at the Delaware Invitational. The team finished in ninth place at the 2009 Women's PSAC Indoor Track and Field Championships where six Golden Rams were placed on the podium as place winners in their designated events. Freshman sprinter Sam Smarkola was named PSAC women's track athlete of the week. The outdoor season opened in March and hosted the WCU Invitational where West Chester athletes won six field events and top three in the 100 meter hurdles, high jump, and long jump. The team finished their season with an eleventh place finish at the 2009 PSAC Outdoor Track and Field Championships at Millersville University. Finally, the team was one of 64 Division II schools recognized for academic excellence by the USTFCCCA. The team placed ranked 41st nationally with a combined GPA of 3.203.

Women's Track & Field

The Golden Rams women's golf team traveled all over the East Coast competing in golf tournaments with schools from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, South Carolina, and many more! The Lady Rams finished all meets within the top twelve rankings, sometimes even taking the win. West Chester triumphed in a dual meet against East Stroudsburg University with an impressive 740 to 846 finish at the Spring Tournament in Myrtle Beach, South Carolina. The fall season for collegiate golf kicks off in early September, takes a break in the winter, then resumes with the spring season in early March, with so much time devoted to golfing it is a sure thing that the team's best score of 375 will be blown out of the sand traps!

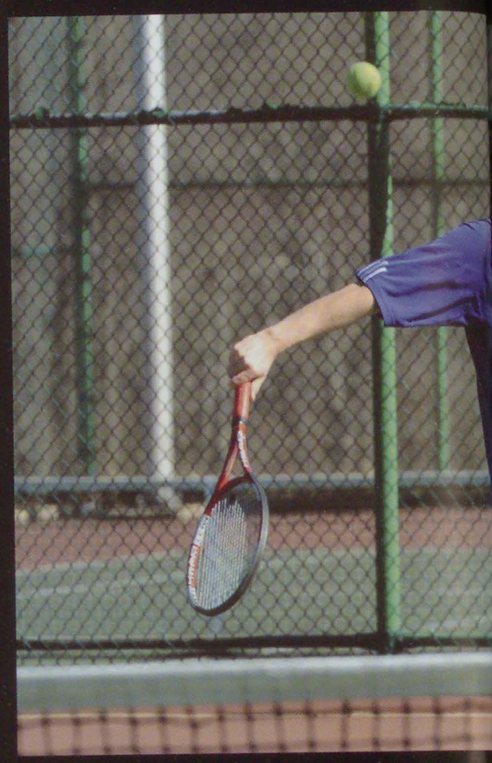
Women's Golf

The West Chester University men's golf team competed in Pennsylvania, Delaware, New York, North Carolina, and Ohio these fall and spring seasons. The team had a best collaborated score at the IUP Invitational in Indiana, Pennsylvania. Collectively, they scored a 305, which resulted in a ninth place finish for the Golden Rams. The Ram's had many successes while at the Sheraton Invitational. With a final score of 658 after two days of golfing, West Chester achieved a second place finish. Derek Glaser had an individual finish of fifth with a 15 over par 159. With such seasons under their belts, nothing but more success lays ahead for these golfers and West Chester cannot wait to see what they do next fall!

Men's Golf

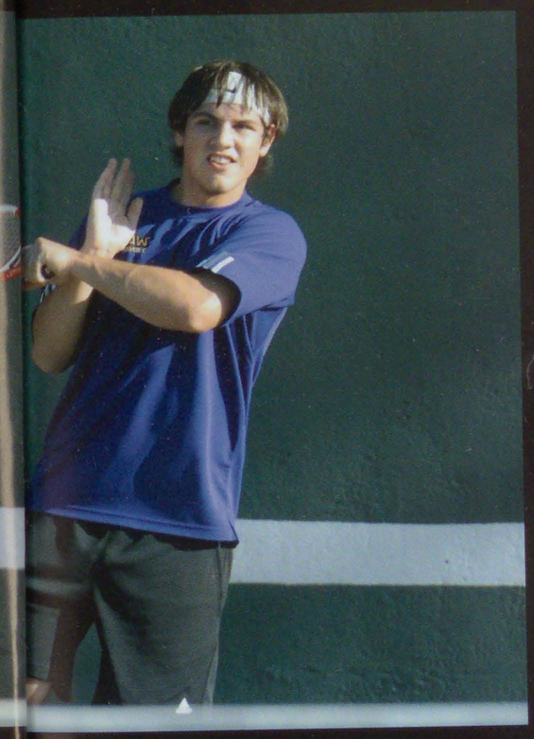
Although the WCU women's tennis team got off to a rocky start, that was not an omen for the rest of the season. Under the instruction of new head coach, Tina Tharp, these ladies had a very successful season. The high point of the season were the final matches of regular season meets. West Chester University did not show any love to their PSAC rival, Shippensburg University, with a final score of 9 to 0. It was the perfect way to round out the season. The shut out against Shippensburg was immediately following a previous shut out to across town rival, Cheyney University. The 2009 fall season kicks off in October, watch out PSAC, these ladies are on fire!

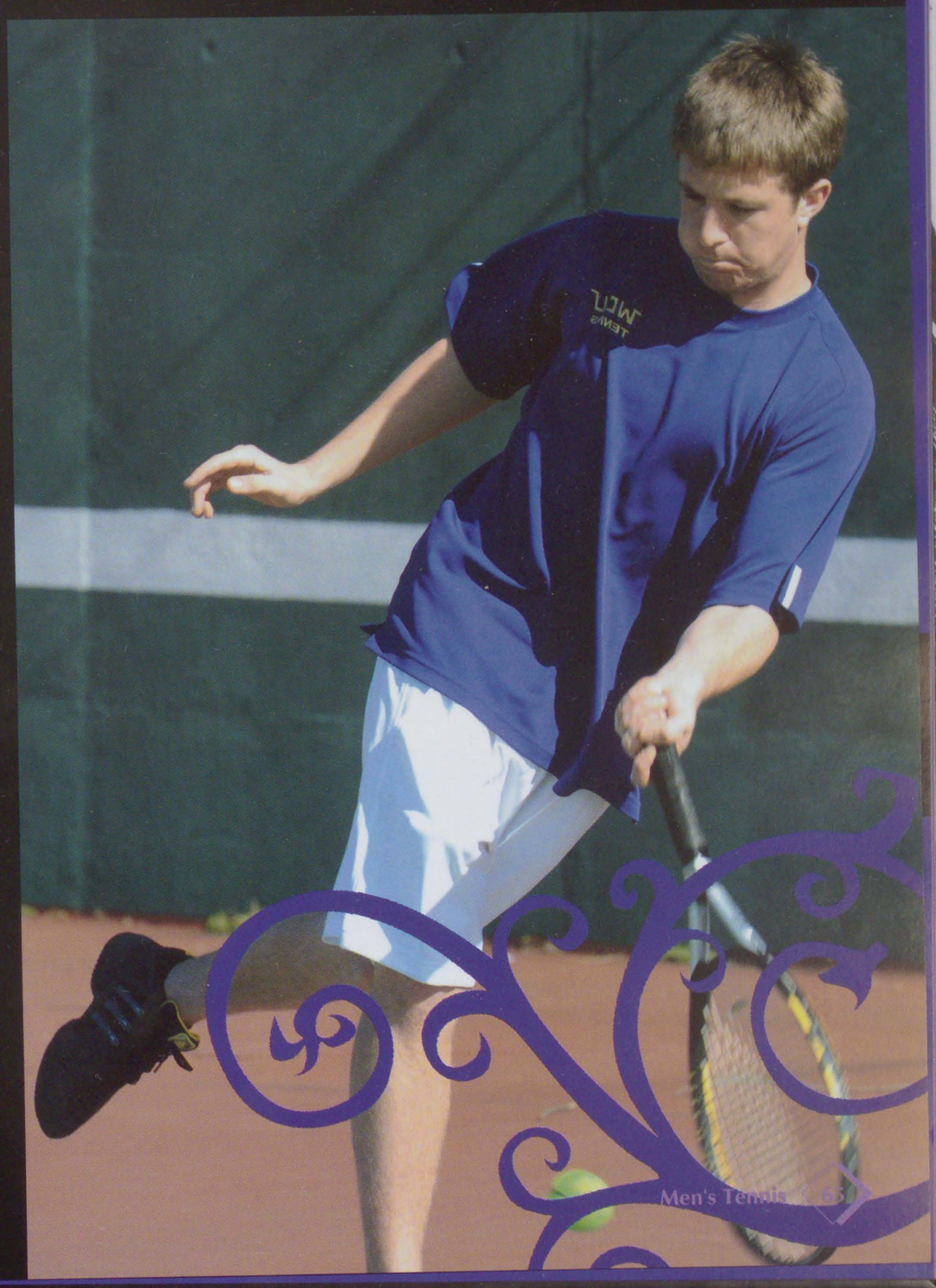
Women's Tennis



The Golden Ram's men's tennis team was under new instruction this year. Tina Tharp took the position as head women's and men's tennis coach. Under her watchful eye, the men's tennis team worked their way through a grueling season. Early in the season Matt Thomas and Jeff Rightnour won their respective first-round matches and were able to advance in the individual tournament held in Bloomsburg, Pennsylvania. Jeff Rightnour continued to make a name for himself throughout the season. This standout freshman was named PSAC's Men's Tennis Athlete of the week in March. Way to go Golden Rams, keep up the good work!

Men's Tennis





The Counts of the Classroom

Academics

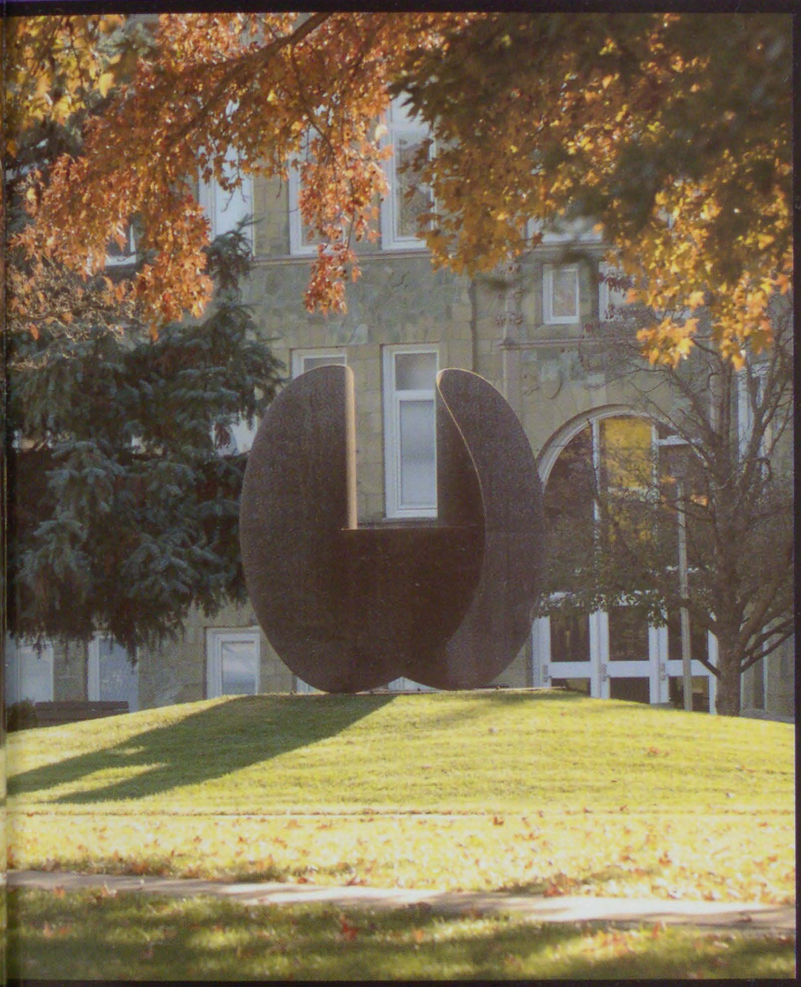
Campus

West Chester University truly has one of the most beautiful campuses. The Serpentine buildings and beautiful arches gives our campus a genuine collegiate feel, It is impossible to not feel scholarly walking around campus seeing people going to and from their classes. Walking down Church Street there is a plethora of food vendors. Whether you are hungry for a pastry, Mexican dish, or vegan hotdog, there is a station for you! Last year there was a new addition to campus; the golden ram statue. It is the perfect place to pose with friends for a quick group photo or to take a study break!

Pull for Aiden Nichols
And
Ronald McDonald House!

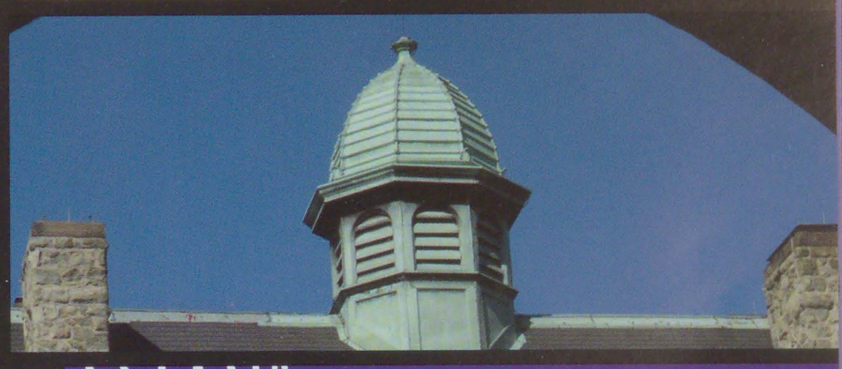
The Quad

One of the most picturesque parts of campus is by far the Academic Quad. Not only is it the namesake to the campus newspaper but is also displayed on various forms of campus literature and brochures. No matter the season the Quad is always beautiful; whether it's floral boughs, green trees, vibrant leaves, or ice covered branches being displayed. On any given autumn or spring day, it is not uncommon to see students studying, lounging, or participating in a pick-up game of volleyball in the Quad. It is a favorite spot for many students at West Chester University.



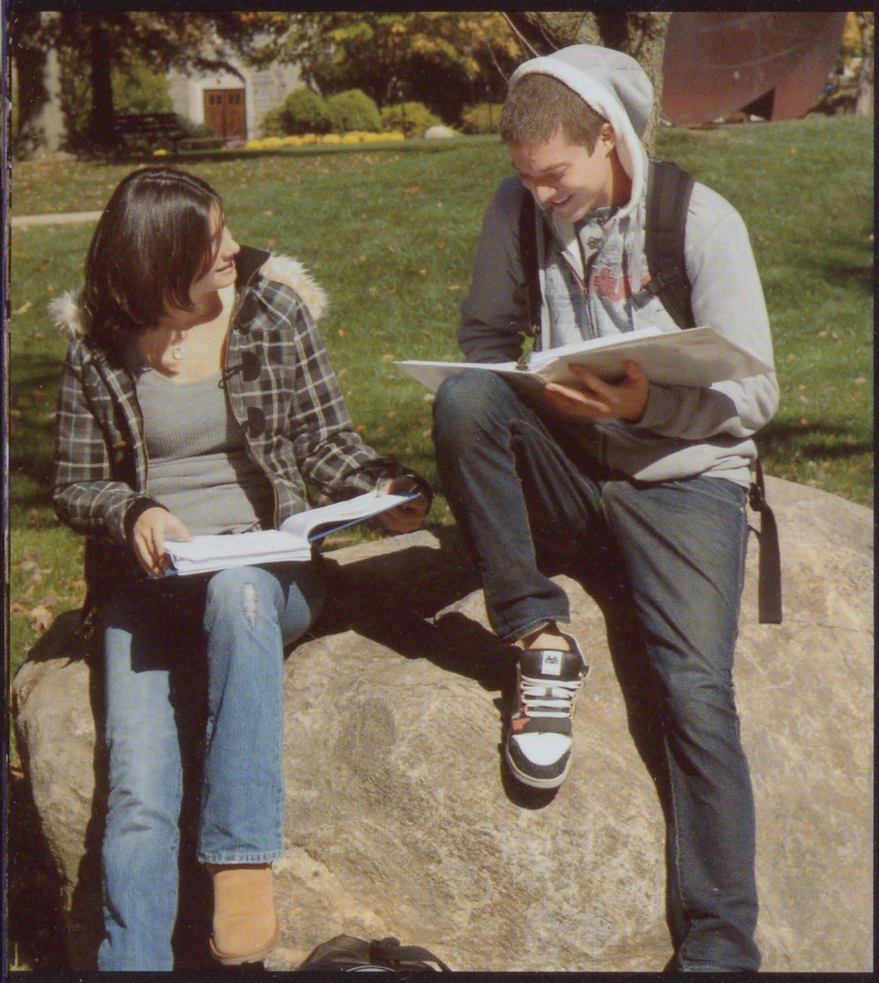
Buildings

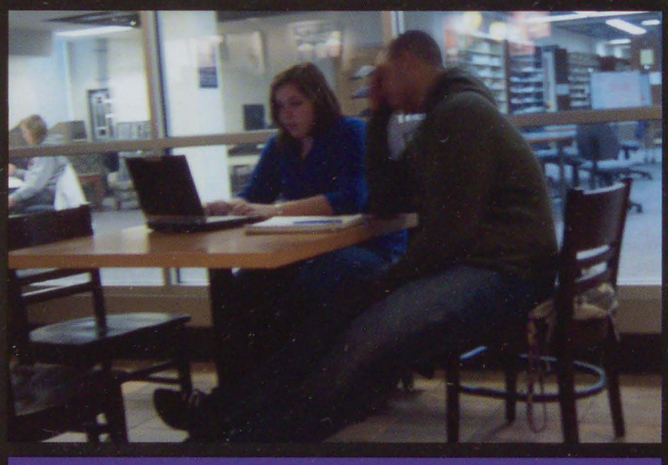
West Chester's campus is unlike that of any other university. Students may not take the time to notice the architectural details of Anderson Hall, Ruby Jones or the Old Library but these buildings are very traditional and a rare find on today's modern campuses. While the Academic Quad remains the same, the Residential Quad will soon boast new suite-style dorms among many other accommodations. Amongst all of the construction and bustle of daily life, stop and take some time to appreciate these often overlooked pieces of architecture.

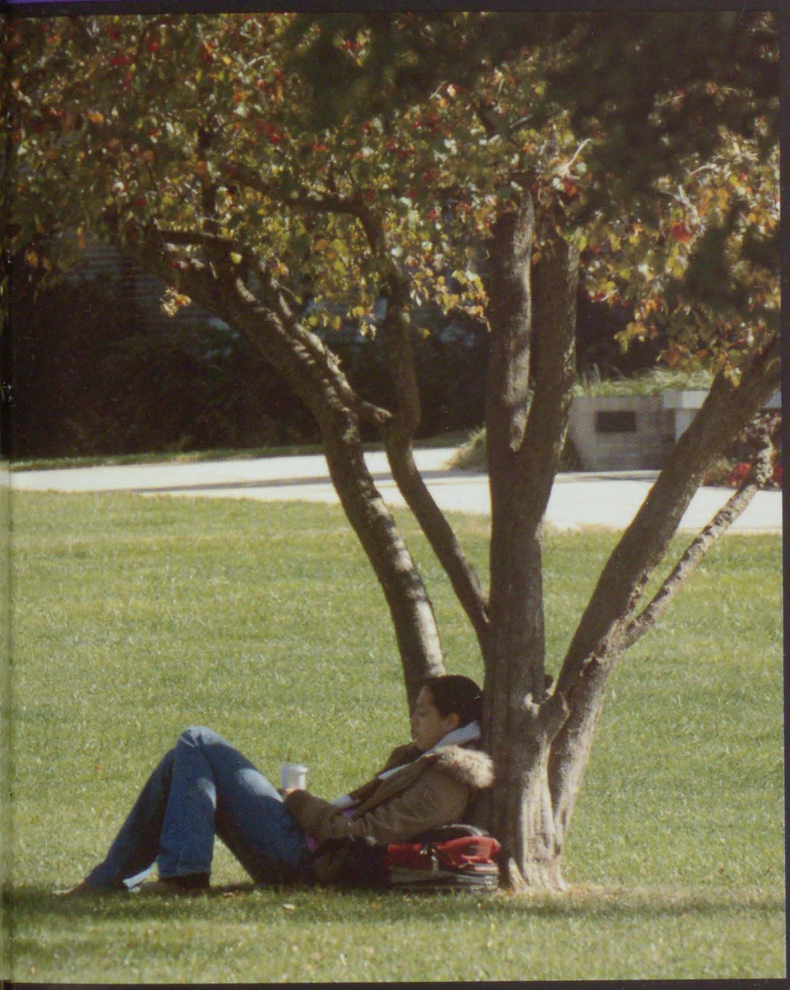


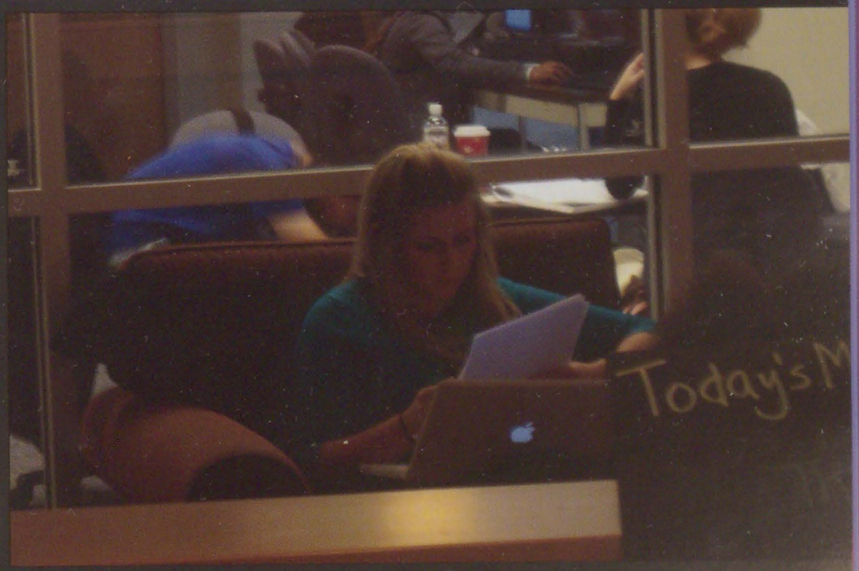
Studying

Although it is sometimes easy to forget, college is all about studying, learning, and broadening your horizons. Here, at West Chester University, there are numerous places to catch up on one's studying. It is not a rare sight to see students sprawled across the Quad, snuggled up in Starbucks, or hunkering down in the Francis Harvey Green Library with their books. Although it is sometimes a tedious task, it must be done, and having a variety of places to memorize notes, scan lectures, and read endless pages makes studying a little more bearable.





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Living in the Kingdom

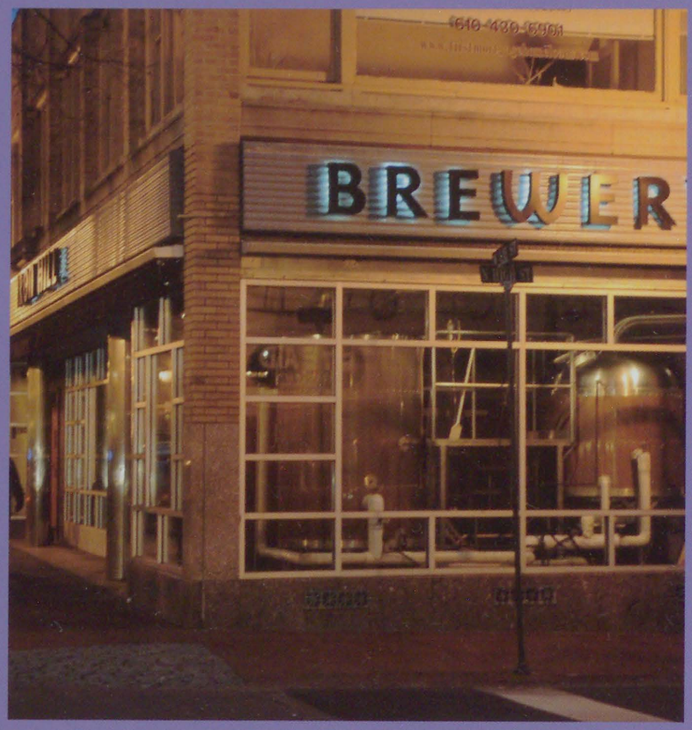
Student Life

Freshman move in is one of the most exciting and stressful times for a new college student. Trying to fit an entire semester's worth of necessities into half of a tiny room, meeting tons of new people for the very first time, and leaving your parents to fend for yourself can seem so overwhleming. Although it is scary, years down the road it will be fun to look back and laugh about the absurd amount of sweaters we packed for August and food we brought that could feed a small army!

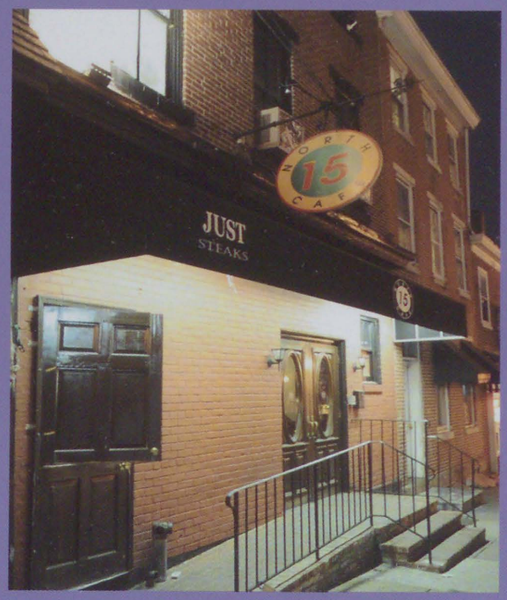
Freshmen Move In

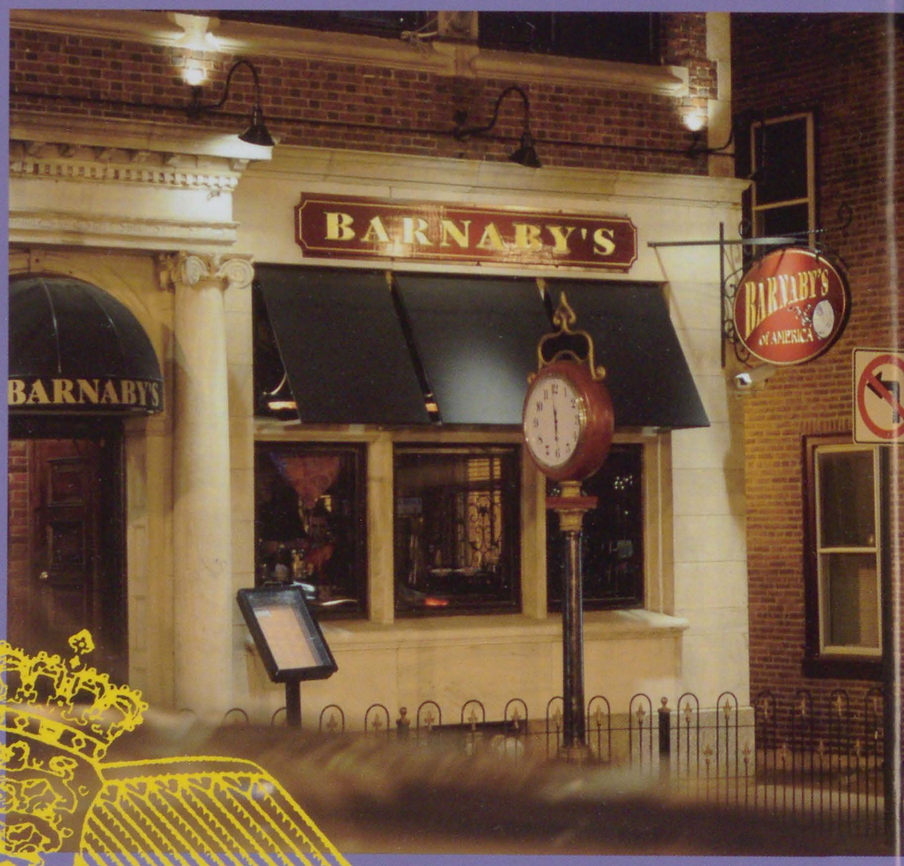
One of the most appealing aspects of West Chester University is its beautiful downtown. The quaint buildings and brick roads give the town a wonderful vibe. Downtown there is a wide variety of things to do. There are numerous boutiques and shops, restaurants, bars, and hair salons. Whether you are shopping for a specific item or just going for a stroll on a nice day, there is something to do. On spring days it is a favorite pass time of WC students to go for a walk downtown.

Downtown

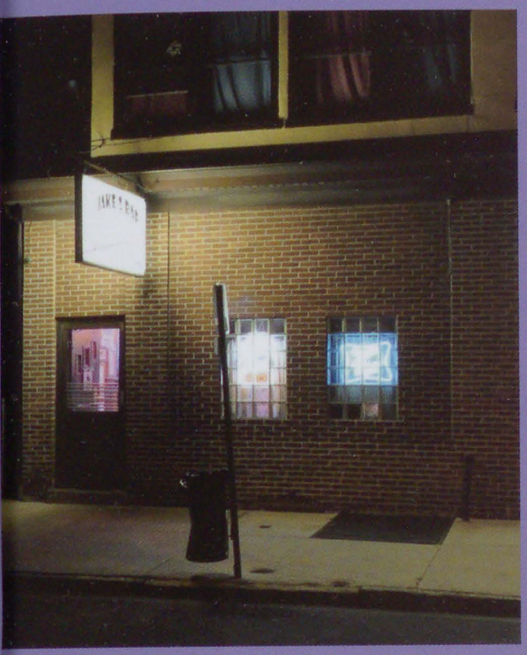


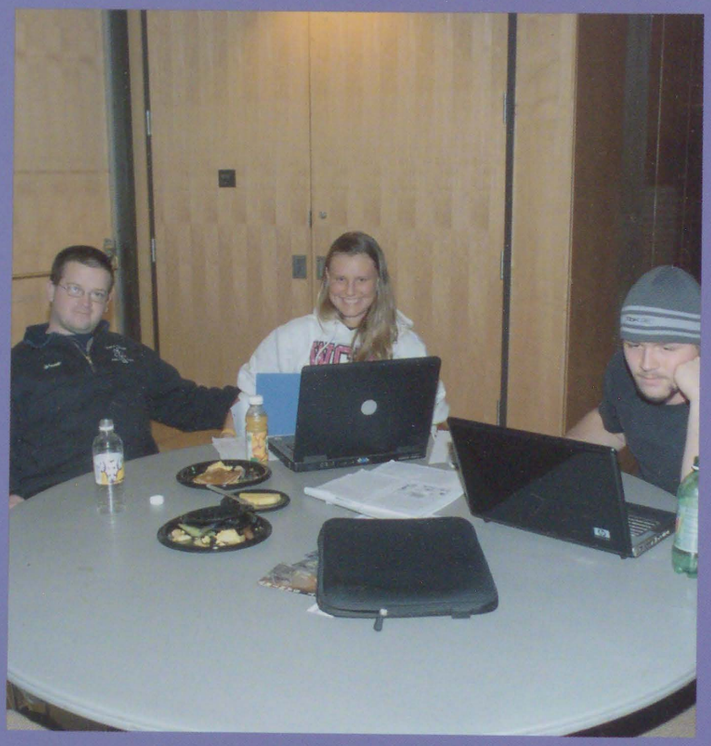
One the most unique aspects to downtown West Chester is its wide array of bars! The night-life in West Chester is unsurpassed by any other college town. Whether you are sampling the amazing variety of beers at Iron Hill, catching the game at Barnaby's, or treating yourself to the famous $5 fish bowl at Doc's there is always something going on. Students celebrating their 21st birthdays have such a selection of bars, making a decision could be hard, which is why West Chester is famous for its "Bar Crawl"!





West Chester Bars



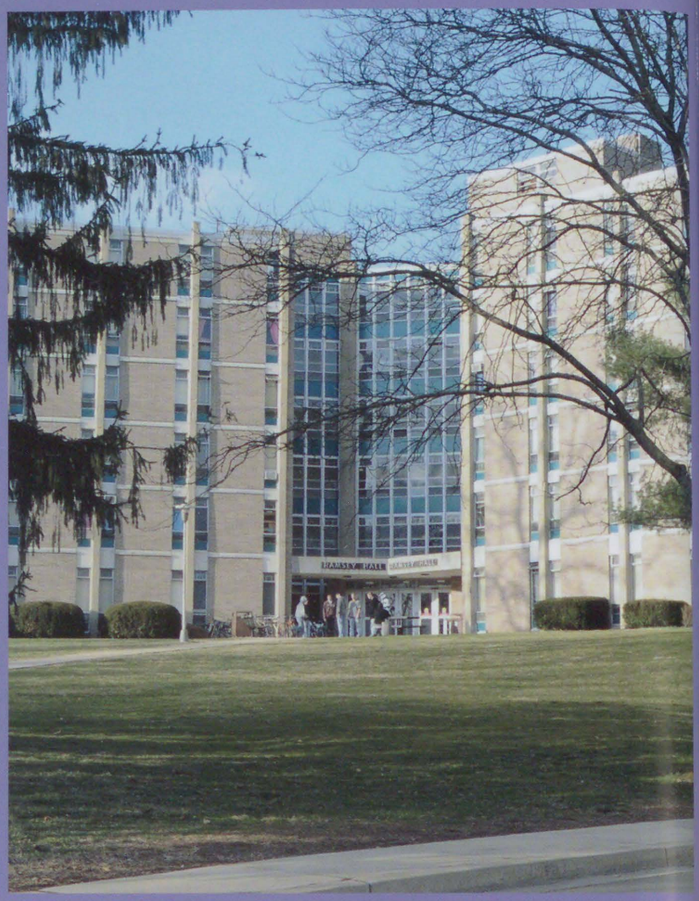


The staff in Sykes Student Union is sure to keep students at WCU busy. One of the favorite activities of students is the midnight breakfast. During midterm and finals week each semester Sykes opens up its ballrooms for a buffet. Students can come rest, recharge, and socialize in the middle of cramming for finals. This is just one of the many things the Sykes staff does to help reduce stress during these hectic weeks. In addition to delicious food, each weekend there are special screening of movies in the theater!

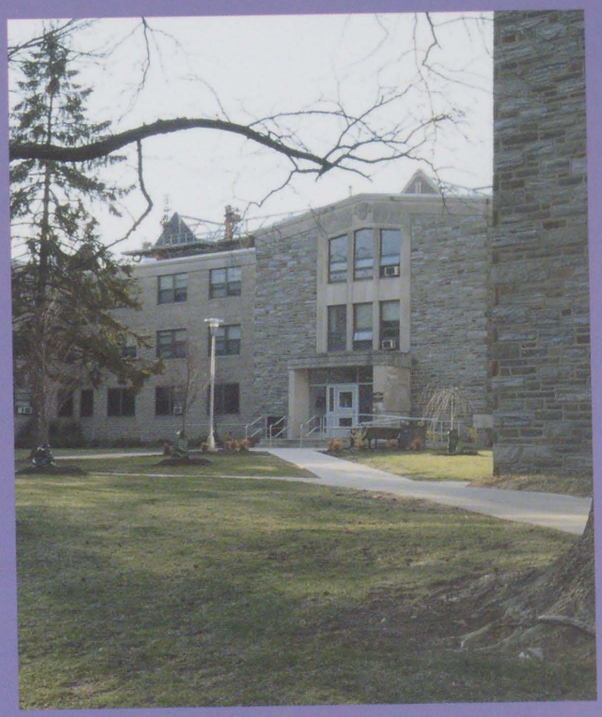
Sykes Night Life

It may come few and far between, as college students are always busy with studies, but when WC students get some free time they spend it wisely. It is no strange sight to see students hanging out in Sykes, volunteering, shopping in the school store, lounging in the Quad or even putting on a hypnotist show?! West Chester students are very lucky to have such a beautiful campus to spend their time on. It is important to sometimes take a break, put the books down and enjoy being a college student at one of the greatest universities!

Free Time



North Campus



South Campus

"Nights" at the Round Table

EVENTS

Bid Day

After a long weekend of Formal Recruitment, Bid Day was the last and most exciting event. Each of West Chester's eight sororities found out who their new pledges would be and welcomed home their Pi Chi's, sisters who disaffiliated themselves during the recruitment process. Not one person failed to display their pride and love they feel for their sorority. All across the gym were banners displaying Greek letters, colorful balloons, and excited women. Every sorority pledge and sister will remember this day for the rest of her life and knows that "finding the perfect chapter is like finding the perfect pair of shoes, it just fits."

Chili Cook Off

Students at West Chester University try to stay active in the West Chester through giving service to the community, fundraising, and helping at local events. One of the most exciting events of the year is the annual West Chester Chili Cook Off. At the Chili Cook Off various groups, organizations, and restaurants set up stands with a sample of their best chili. Any ingredient you can imagine is incorporated into their concoctions. Can you imagine chili with chocolate and beer?! At the Chili Cook Off this is a reality. This year the Student Government Association participated in this event. They set up a stand complete with chili and school pride. Rammy was present and the West Chester Fight Song was heard all around. It was a great way for WCU to stay involved with the community.

Breast Cancer Luminaries

October is Breast Cancer awareness month and West Chester University certainly did its part in recognizing this epidemic. Throughout the month of October there were various activities to raise awareness about the disease. In Sykes Student Union kiosks were set up selling breast cancer T-shirts, where proceeds went to breast cancer research. Also, in early October, Matlack Field was illuminated with pink luminaries. On the field, the luminaries were set up in the shape of the famous pink awareness ribbon. The luminaries were in memory of those who have died, triumphed, and are currently fighting the disease. It was a beautiful way to raise awareness about breast cancer in our school community.

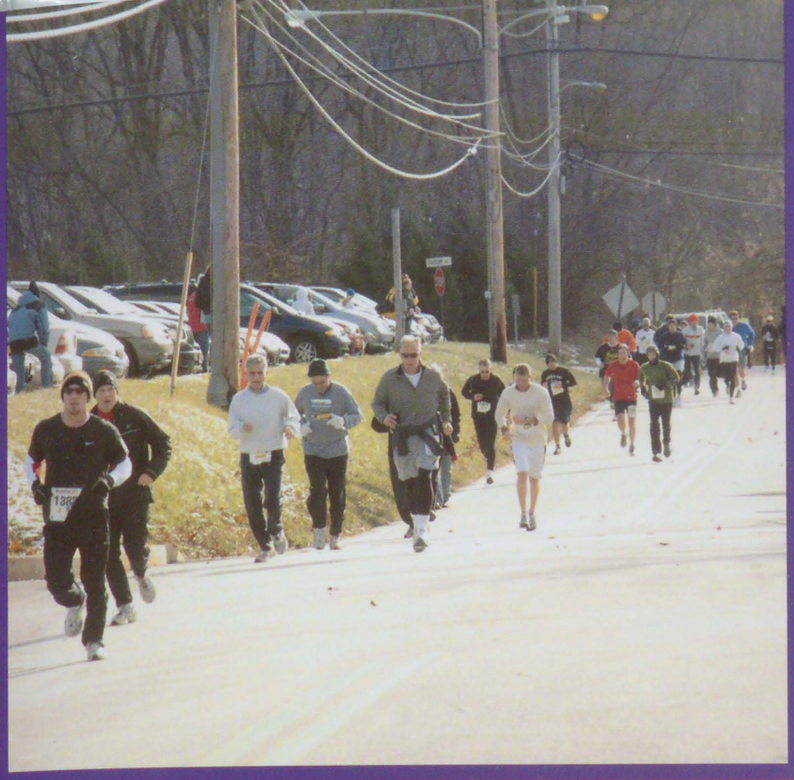
Homecoming

The sky was blue and the sun was shining on a beautiful October day. West Chester University had perfect weather for this year's homecoming. This day filled with festivities started out with a parade where various organizations performed dance routines, the cheerleaders displayed their talents, the band wowed the spectators, and homecoming king and queen contestants cruised down Rosedale Avenue. After the parade was the long awaited football game. The West Chester Golden Rams faced Shippensburg University for their homecoming match. In true spirit of the day, the Golden Rams came out on top with a 25-7 win. It was a day of school spirit, pride, and victory, a great way to kick off the 2008-2009 school year!

Election Day

The election of 2008 between Barack Obama and John McCain was a major historical event. At West Chester University more than seventy-five percent of the student population voted. Most people had to wait in line for over three hours but, the wait was worth while. After the polls closed, there was a huge party located in Sykes Student Union where Students were able to come together and watch the result of the election while enjoying food and games. The party caused quite a commotion, which eventually led to the *New York Times* attending to cover the event. By the end of the evening America had been informed that Barack Obama had won the 2008 Presidential election. The youth played a vital role in this momentous election and it was certainly evident in West Chester.

Brian's Run

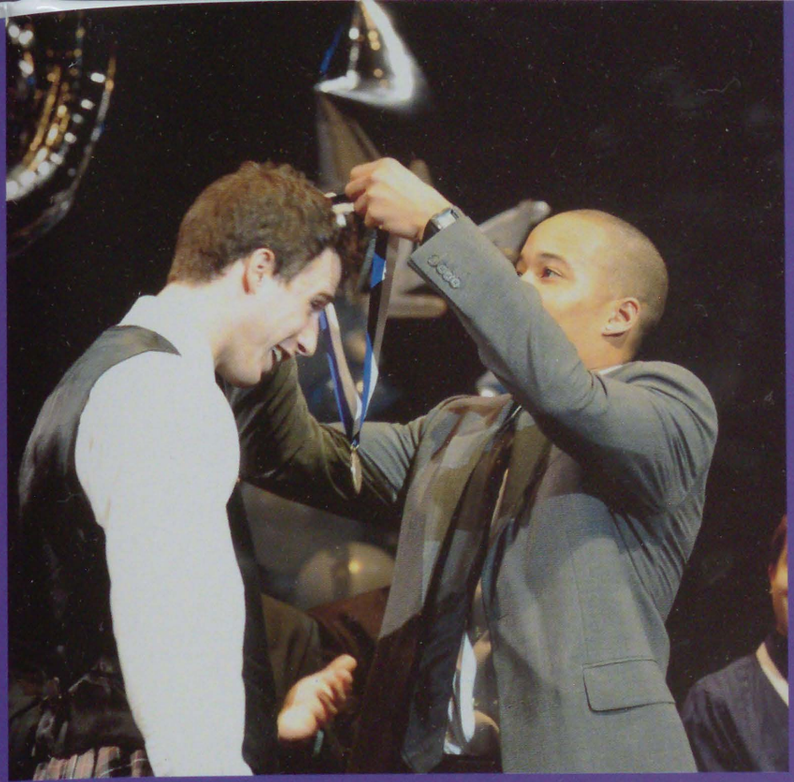


Every December runners, spectators, and student organizations gather in the cold for a great purpose. This year was the thirty-first annual Brian's Run. Thirty-one years ago a fundraising run was put together to help a Henderson High School football player, Brian Bratcher, pay for medical bills after serious spinal cord injuries. Touched by the help of his community members, the following year Brain wanted to again put on the race but this time to help others. Proceeds raised at Brian's Run benefit those who are disabled in the community, helping them with mobility, seeing, and communication. Through the years West Chester University and the West Chester Running Club have become, and stayed active in this cause, helping those in the West Chester community.

Miss WCU

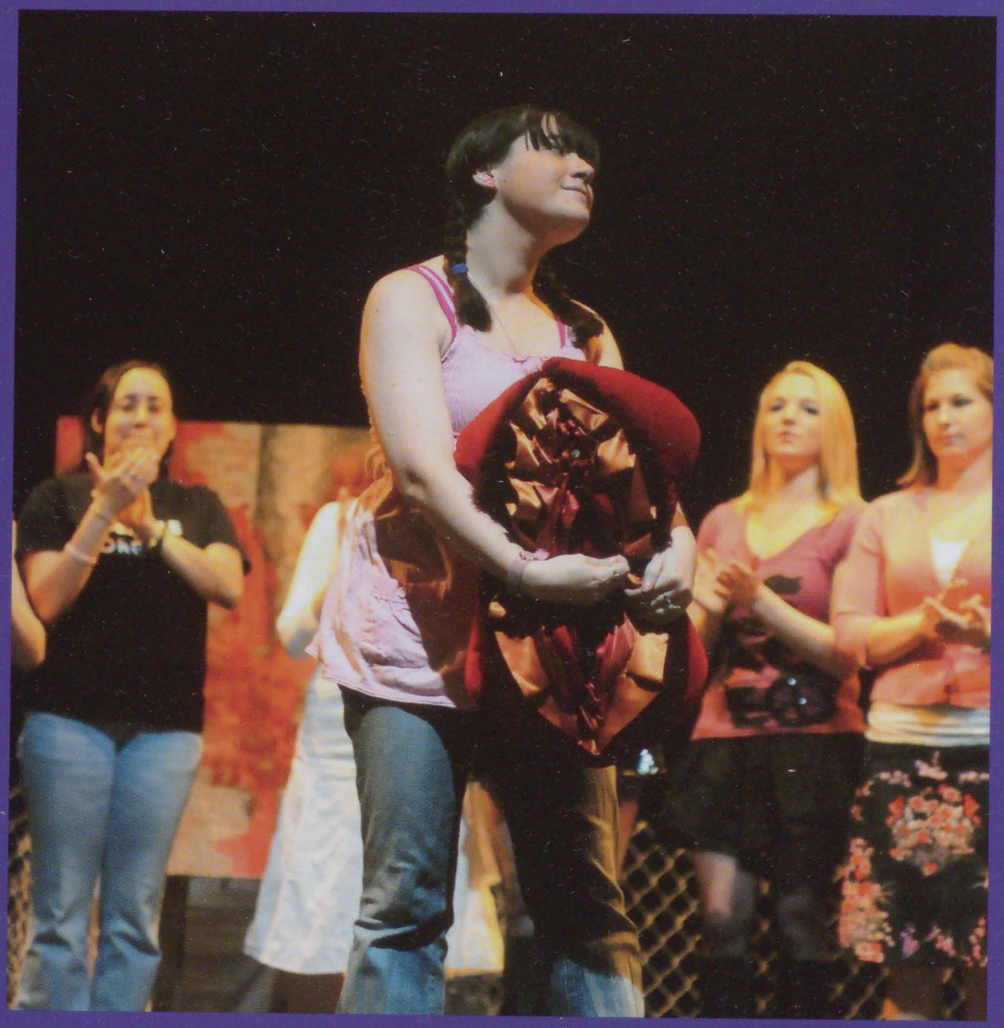
Sixteen bright, talented women came out to the Emilie K. Asplundh concert hall to compete for the title of Miss WCU. These women are judged on interview skills, talent, casual wear, formal wear, and an on-stage question. This year Rosemary Kolmus walked away as the 11th Miss WCU. Rosemary's platform was LiveSTRONG. "I'm passionate about everything; life, my platform, whatever comes my way," Kolmus said. Throughout the year she will attend many in-town and university activities. She will also promote and raise funds for her chosen platform. Runners up for the crown were; fourth runner up Stephanie Carstens, third runner up Kendall Hake, second runner up Lauren Prudenti and first runner up Eliza Hardick.

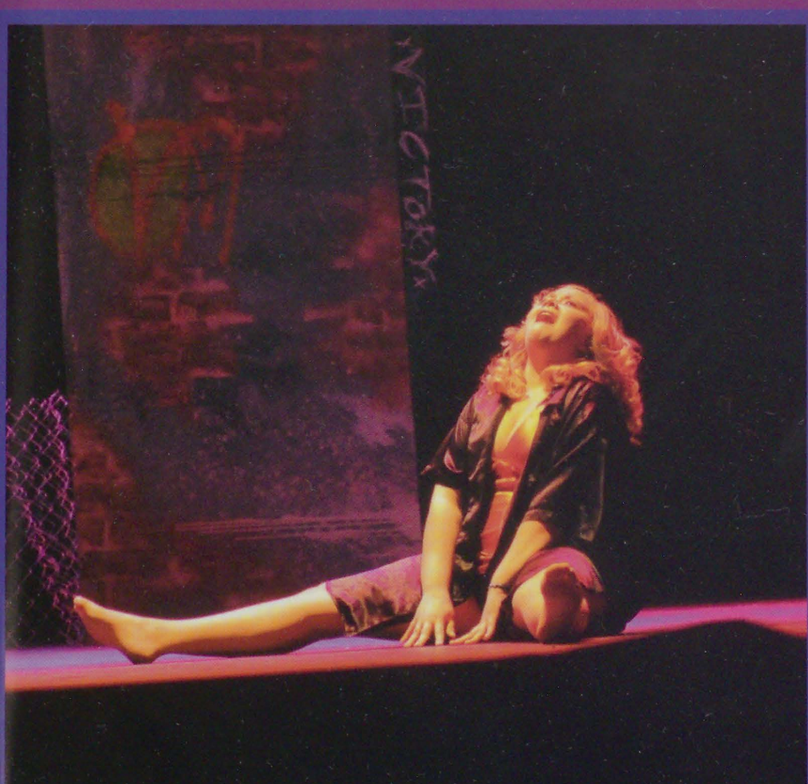
Mr. WCU



Mr. WCU is always a hoot! This was the second year for Mr. WCU. Some of West Chester University's most suave, talented, and smooth men take the stage to display their skills in dancing, casual wear, question and answer, talent, and formal wear. Talents ranged from reciting a poem, playing the trombone, or dancing to Beyonce's latest hit. Second runner up for the crown was Anthony DiJiacamo while Tom Hunsberger was first runner up. Taking the crown was Matthew Zeigler, a senior kinesiology major. Matthew took 3rd place that the first ever Mr. WCU pageant. When the judges asked Matthew why he should be crowned his answer was simply, "If you like me, then you better put a crown on me." This was a funny statement that coincided well with his dance number, Single Ladies.

Vagina Monologues





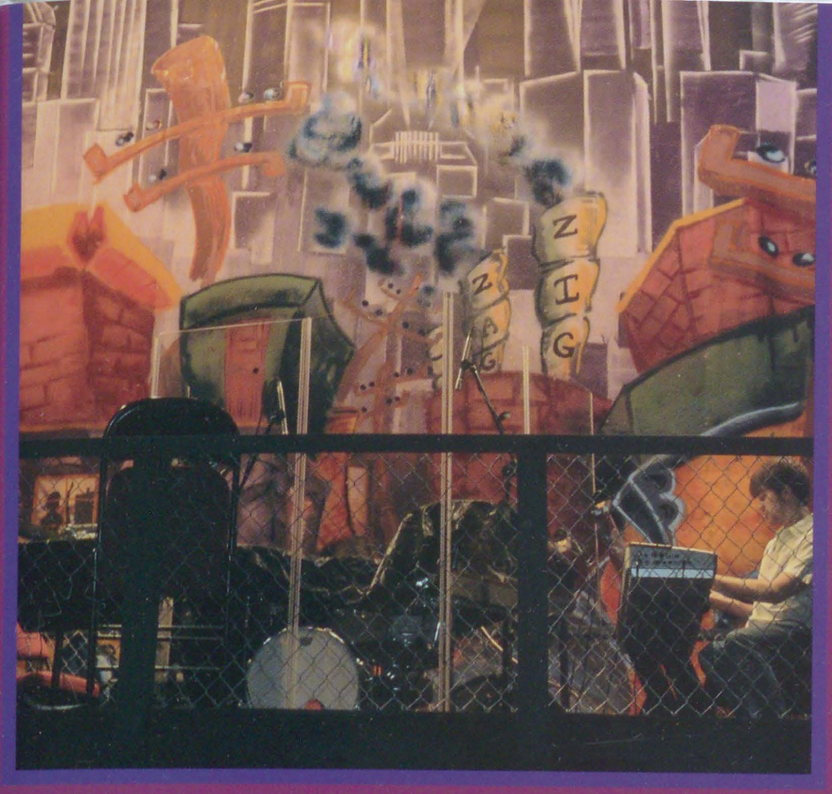
The award winning production, *The Vagina Monologues* was put on again this year on the West Chester University campus. *The Vagina Monologues* has been translated into 45 languages and is performed all over the world in effort to stop violence against women and girls. This year's theme was "Stop Raping Our Greatest Resource: Power To the Women and Girls of Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC)." The featured monologue entitled, "Baptized" focused on the plight of Congolese women and will remain a permanent part of the show. *The Vagina Monologues* does a lot in raising awareness about violence towards females and shows this problem in a touching and at times humorous show.

Music Department

West Chester University is renown for its excellent music program. Students from all over the country come to study music and music education at WCU. Every music student must also complete a senior piece. This is where the spotlight is on them throughout their entire program to display their talents in their specific medium.

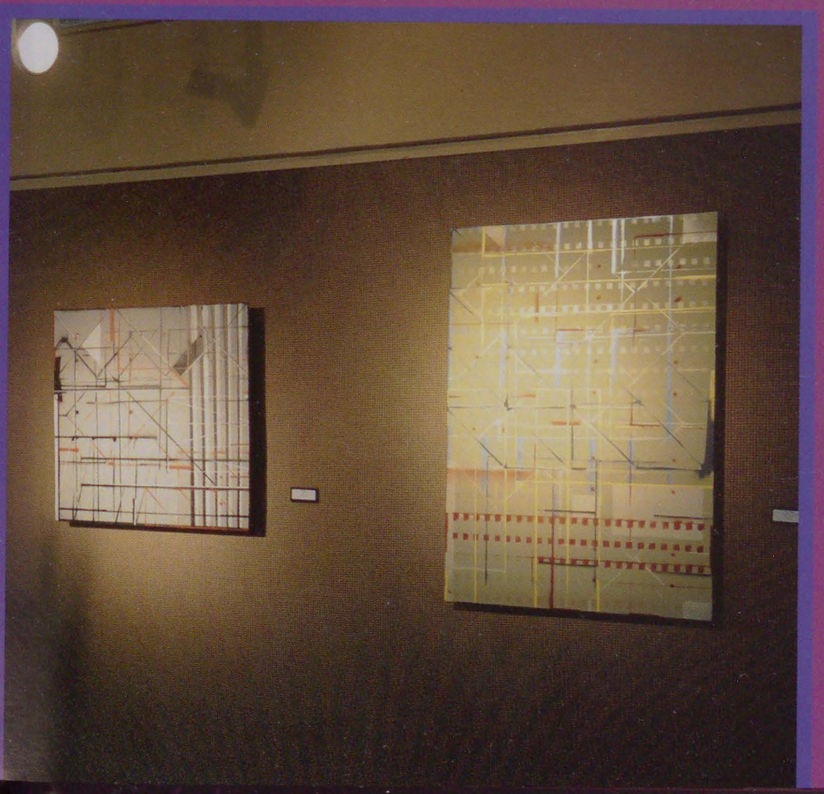
West Chester University also has a very talented marching band. The band plays at half-time of all of the football games and local parades. They do a great job at pepping up the crowd with their beautiful tunes and impressive formations.

Theater Department



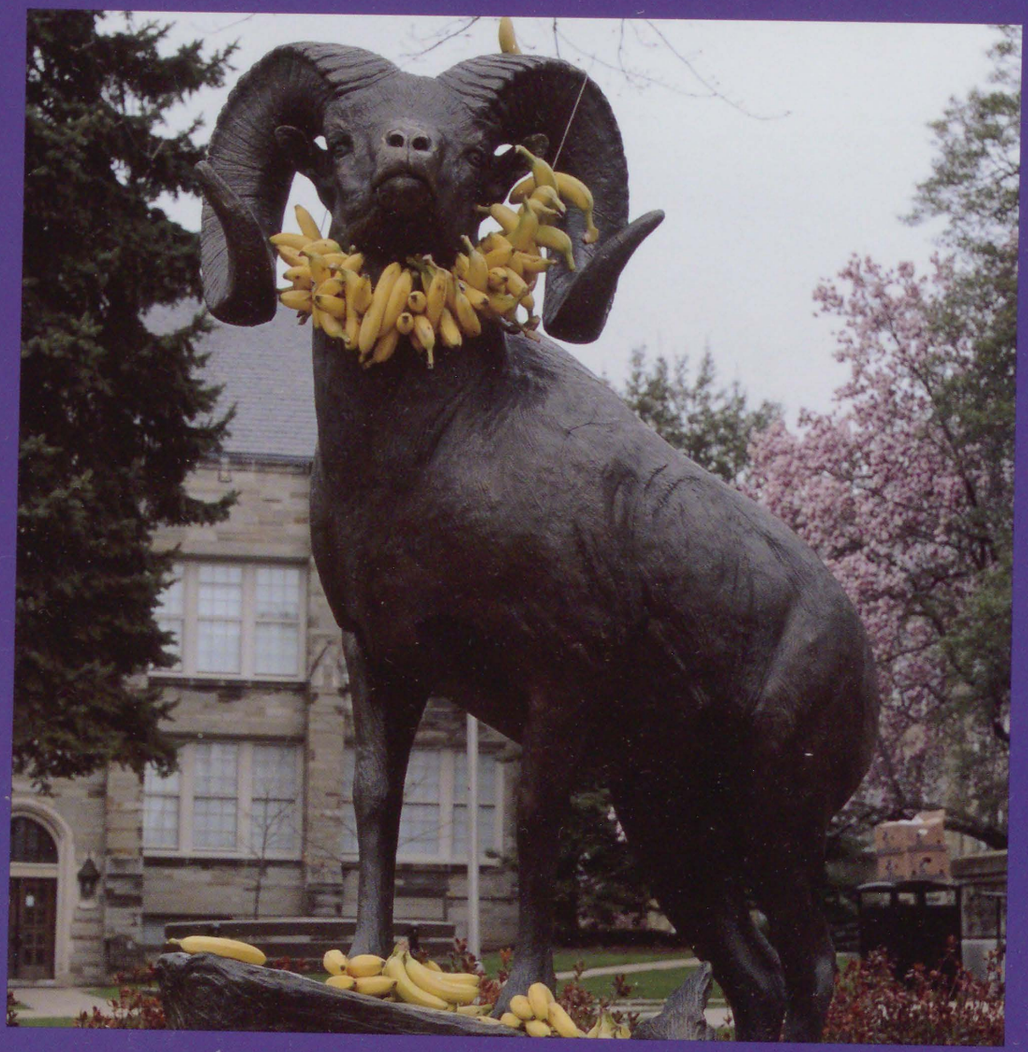
West Chester University's theater department puts on a variety of shows every year. For many, the shows are completely student run. Students design the costumes, design and build the set, and act and direct in the shows. This year many shows such as *The Assassin*, *Tick... Tick... Boom!*, *The Trojan Woman*, and many more *visited campus*. It is exciting to see hours upon hours of grueling work come together with a fantastic production. There are many extremely talented students at WCU. Having such a developed theater program gives them a perfect way to channel that talent and get to show it off to faculty, peers, and members of the community alike.

Art Department



It is never a strange sight to see a student walking across campus carrying a bulky canvas or trying to walk gingerly as to not upset a sculpture. When this is seen, everyone knows where they are headed; Mitchell Hall. Mitchell Hall is West Chester University's modern looking art studio and gallery. On the first floor of the building students are able to display their work in a professional-gallery-like way. At the end of the year there is a graduating senior exhibition. Seniors get honored for their hard work and beautiful creations for several weeks. This display is open to the public and is a great way for the public and university to see a variety of creative expression.

Banana Day



Every spring West Chester University is taken over by bananas! Banana Day is sponsored by the RHA and occurs before finals and gives the students a time to be silly before it is time to get serious with the books. Sadly this year, Banana Day was on a rainy day and many of the festivities that usually take place outside had to be moved indoors. Students will do silly things in order to receive one of the coveted Banana Day shirts. Whether it is eating as many bananas as you can in 30 seconds, doing jumping jacks while screaming, "I love bananas!", or running around the Quad in a Speedo; West Chester students will do it just to get a shirt. It is a great way to unwind before finals.

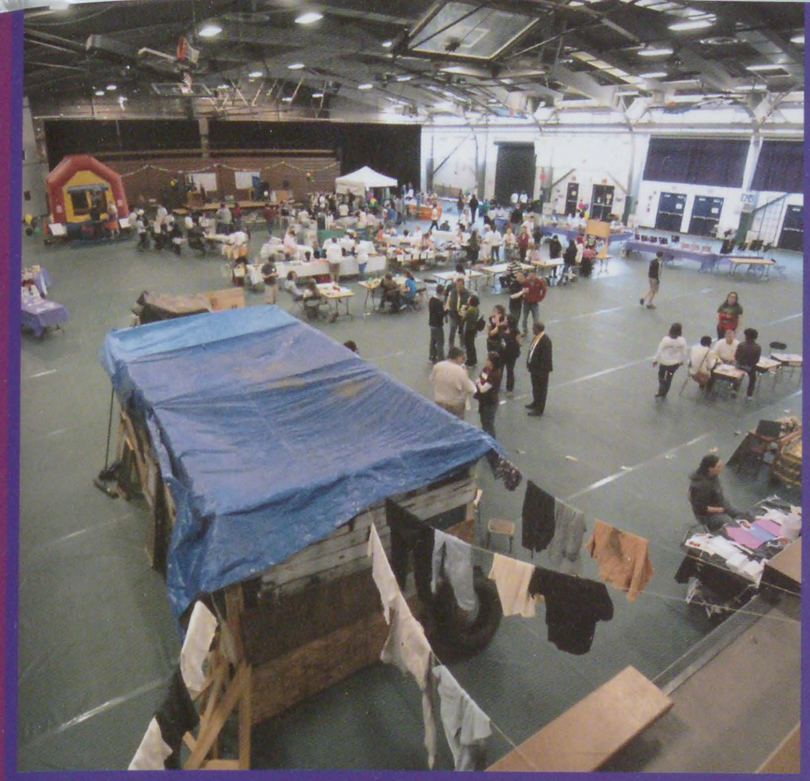
Greek Week

The end of the year signals that it is time for Greek Week. The Greek Community is a predominant aspect to student life at West Chester University and it seems as if they are always up to something. During Greek Week, a sorority and fraternity team up and compete with other teams in various competitions. This year the Greeks participated in events such as volleyball, canned food sculptures, pool games, and a talent segment. The canned food sculptures were a new event this year and was a huge hit! This Greek Week was particularly special because it was the first one with the new brothers of Delta Chi. Once again, it was a huge success and a great place for the Greeks to compete and show pride!

Battle of the Bands

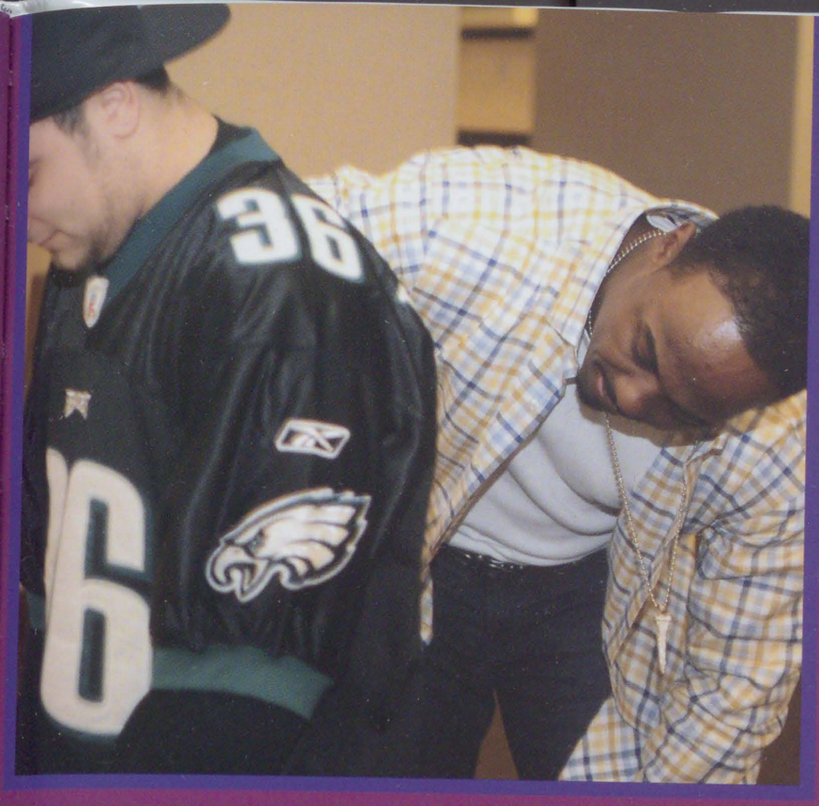
The Grand Ram Band Slam was another success again this year! Sykes Student Union was filled with students anxious to rock out with their peers. The Battle of the Bands is hosted by WCUR, the student run collegiate radio station here at Weest Chester University. There was a great turn out. Not only was the attendance impressive, but spectators were into the music. Crowds gathered at the base of the stage and rocked out, danced, and moshed the night away! Each year this event grows more and more. Bands from out of town as well as bands that have formed on campus were present this year. Hopes are high that it continues to grow and be an even bigger event!

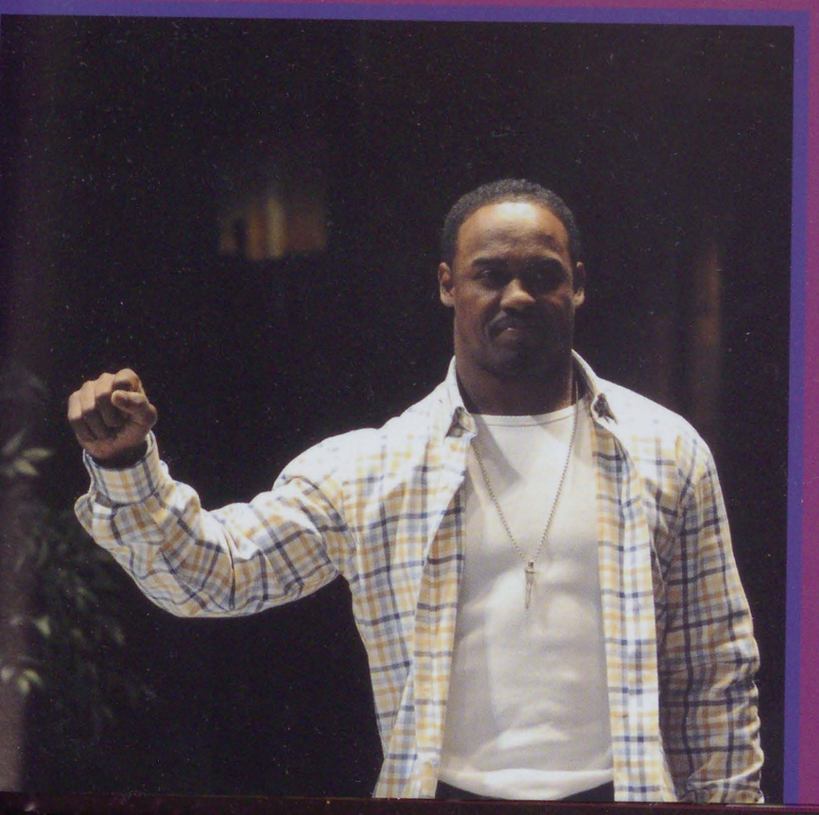
Aid to South Africa



Recently on campus there has been an increased awareness of the plight that is currently taking place in Africa. The summer of 2008 the Honors Student Association traveled to South Africa where they not only toured the beautiful area but also experienced some of the misfortune. Through Aid to South Africa and the Invisible Children; West Chester University students have been sponsoring programs and raising money to help those in a less developed and prosperous country. Aid to South Africa took place in the Purple Gym and had a variety of things to do. There was games, vendors, and entertainment. It was the perfect way to draw attention to the cause, raise money, and also have a great time.

Brian Dawkins





West Chester University was pleased to host longtime Eagles player, Brian Dawkins, on the Emilie K. Asplundh stage. Dawkins came and spoke to students about his career, aspirations, and goals. It was a bittersweet night for many Dawkins fans. The beloved Eagle was traded this year and will be leaving Philadelphia.

Students were given the chance to participate in an open forum after Brian Dawkins finished his speech. Many were excited to have the chance to ask him questions they have always wondered about. After the presentation, 20 lucky students were able to meet Dawkins, take photos, and get his autograph. West Chester was pleased to have Mr. Dawkins during his last few months in Pennsylvania.

Powder Puff Football

A new tradition started this year on the West Chester campus. Women from all the WCU dorms came together to compete in a Powder Puff Football tournament. All of the money raised at the tournament went towards Alex's Lemonade Stand. Alex's Lemonade Stand was started by a young girl, Alex, who had cancer and was raising money to help find a cure. The day was filled with fun and excitement. It was humorous to see the ladies on campus getting down and dirty on the turf and the men cheering and coaching them on. It is an activity that all hope will continue on campus and become a tradition.

50 Years of Women's Sports

Year 2009 marked the 50 year anniversary of having women's collegiate sports on campus at West Chester University. Although the university was originally an all women learning facility they were ignored in the sporting world for decades. To the women on campus today, it is hard to imagine that they were ever held as unequal to their male counterparts. Thanks to the women who fought for equal rights and Title IX, that insisted that there must be equal sporting chances for both men and women, women's sports now prosper on campus. Several events were planned, such as luncheons, to celebrate such a momentous occasion in women's history. It may have taken time but now women athletes on campus are as plentiful as men.

The King's Court

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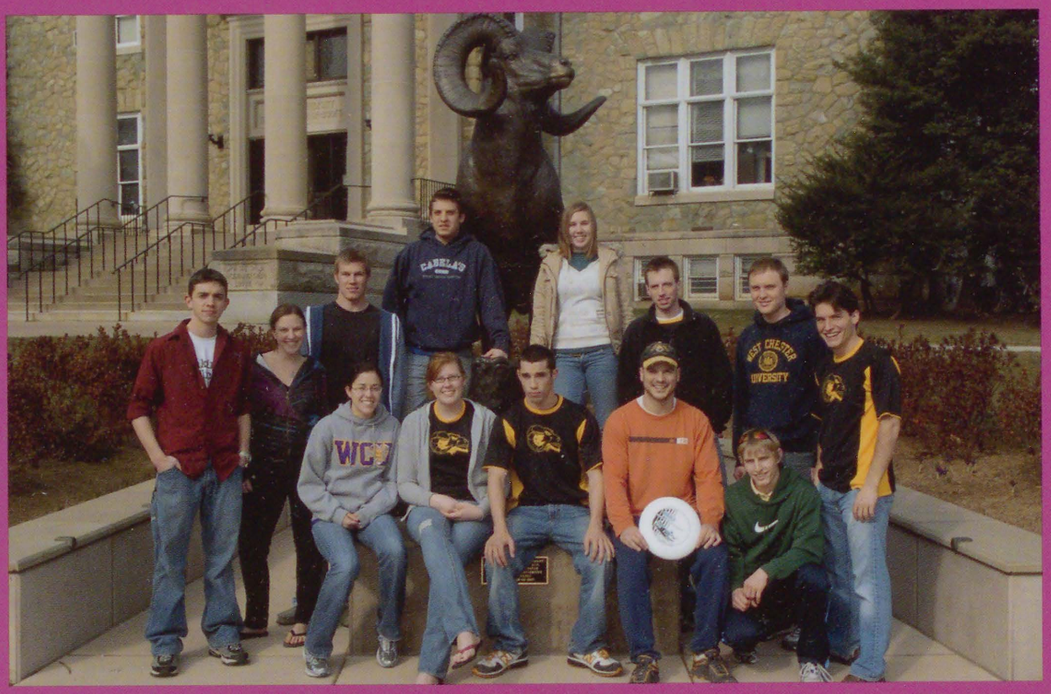

Ultimate Frisbee

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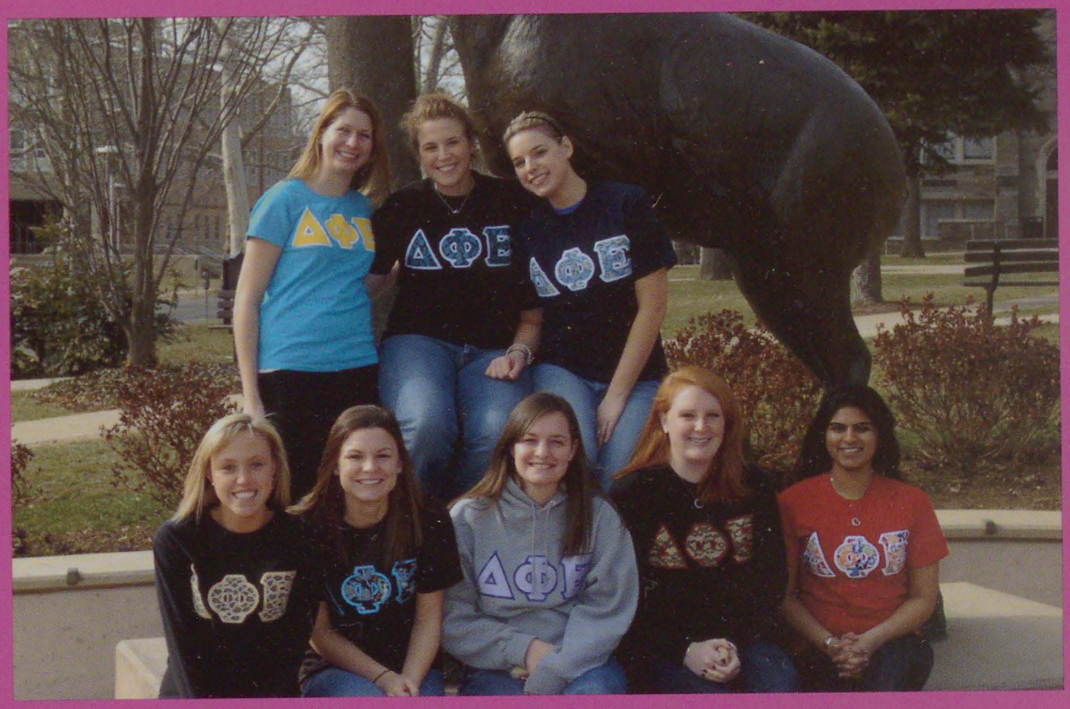

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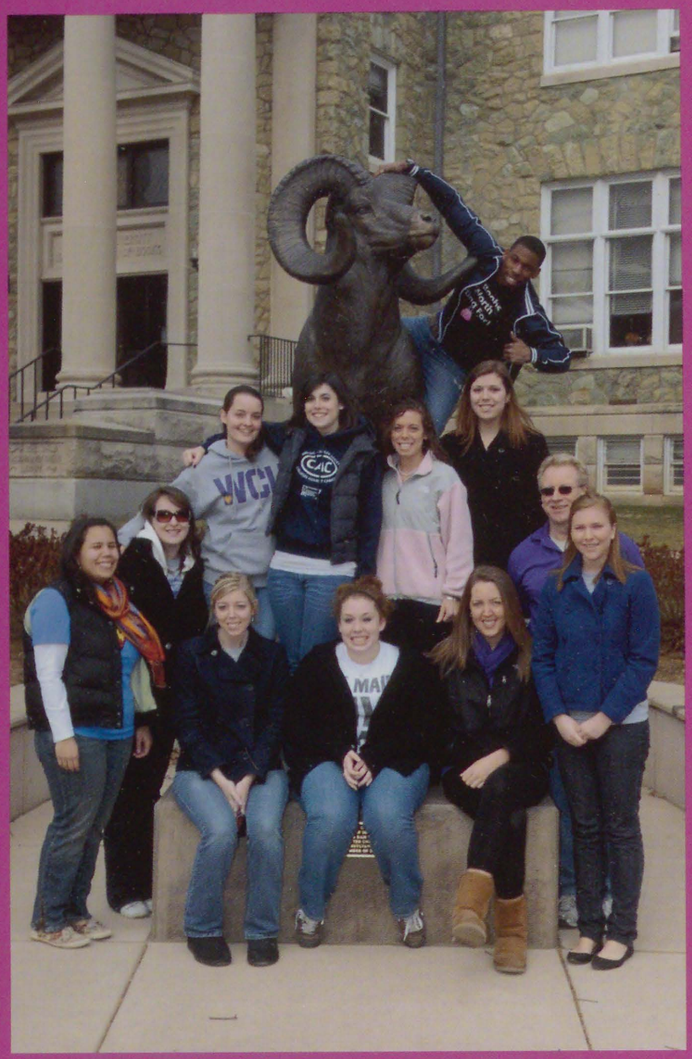
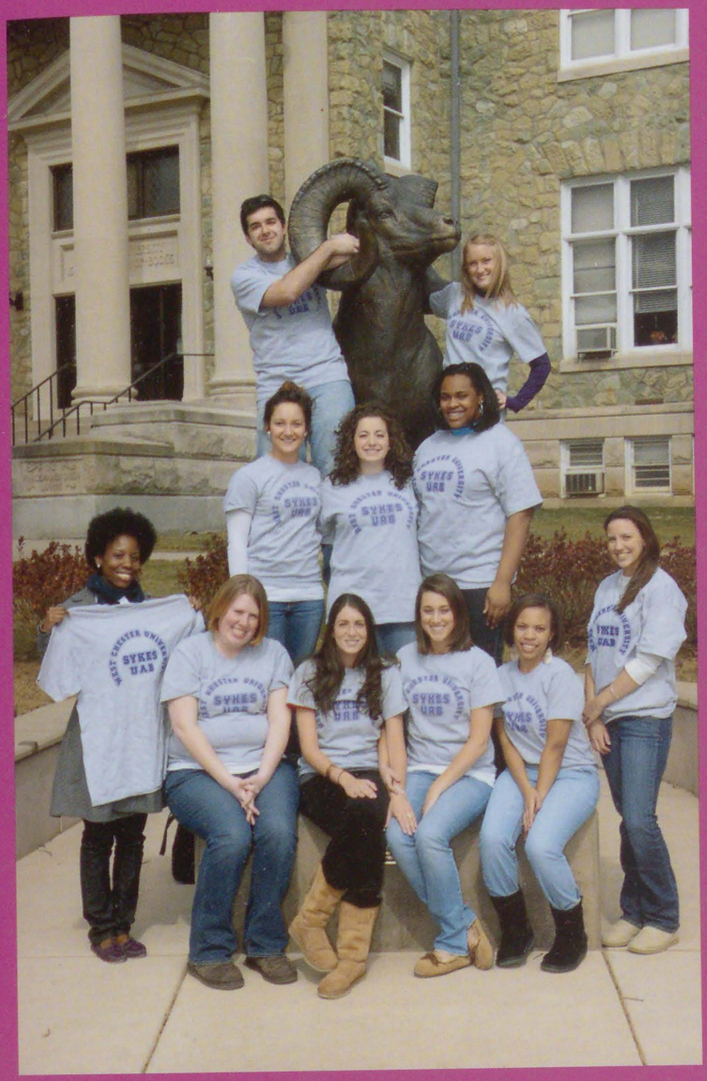


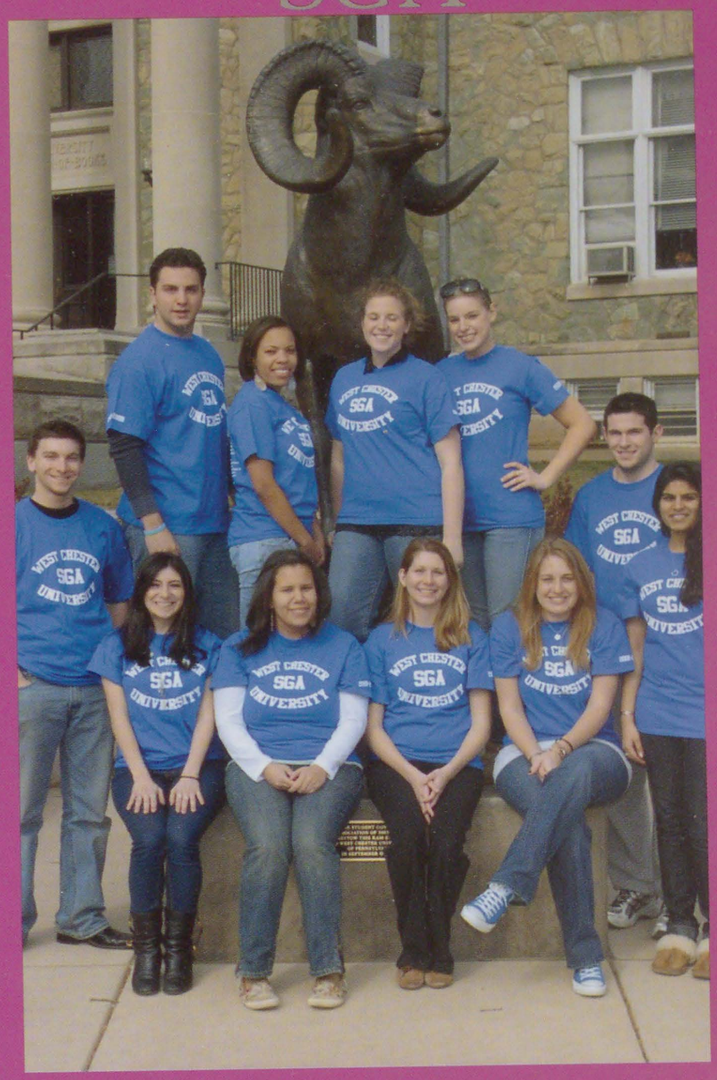
Relay For Life

Leadership Consultants



Sykes Union Advisory Board

SGA



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Russian Club

Italian Club

Alpha Mu Gamma

Alpha Phi

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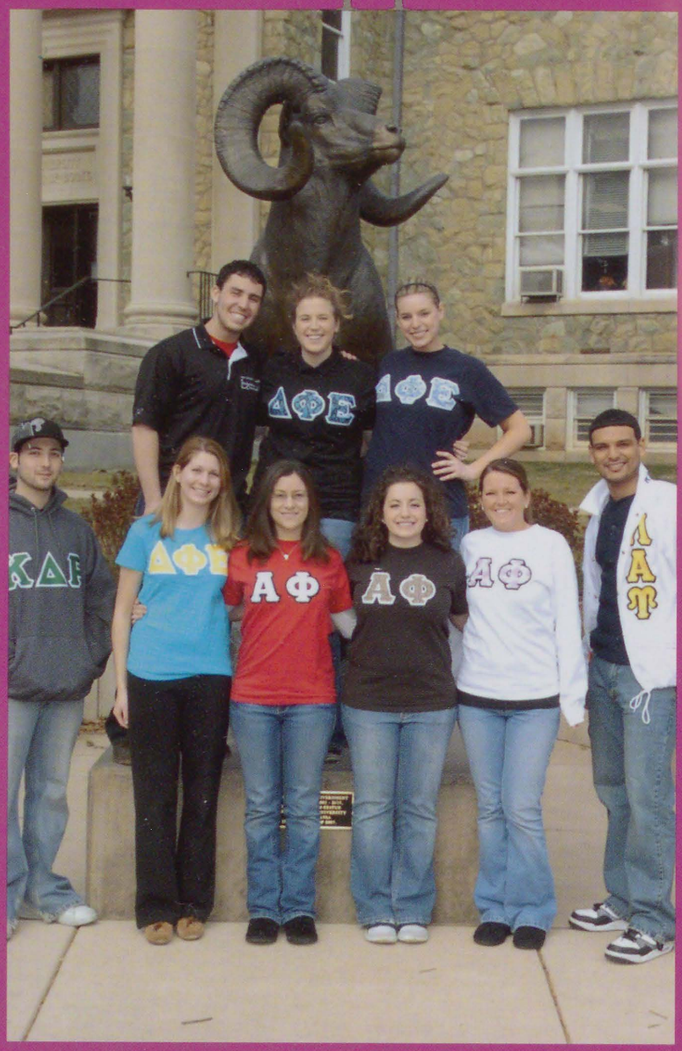
Women's Center Club

Alpha Delta Kappa



LGBTQA

Snowboarding Club

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Invisible Children

Bowling Club

Habitat For Humanity

Friars Society

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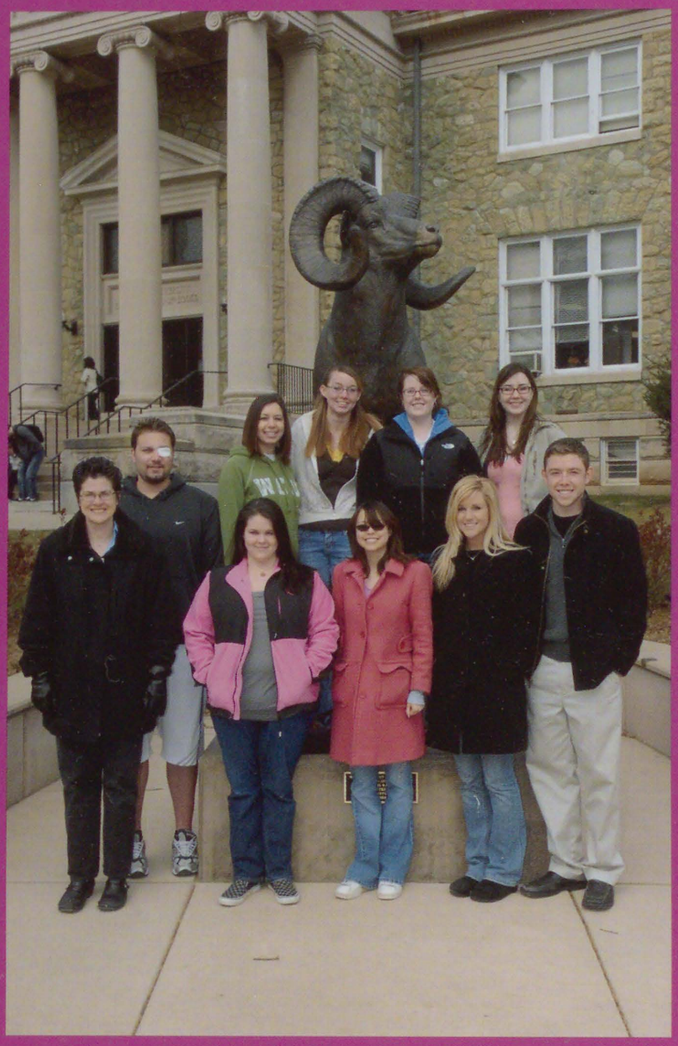
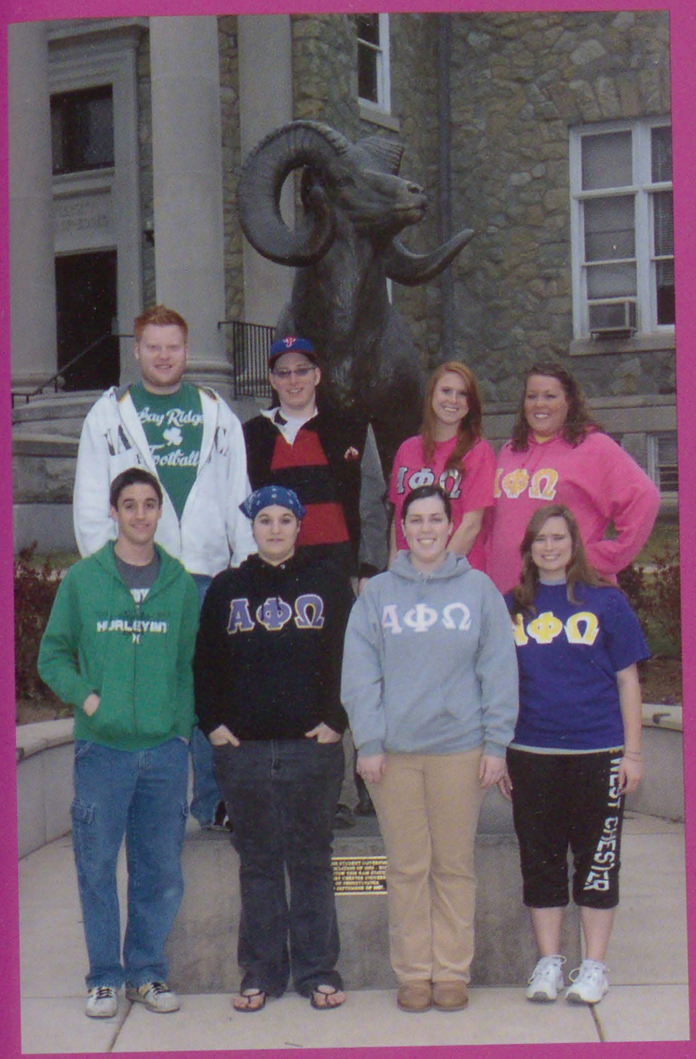


Sociology Club

Kappa Delta Pi



Alpha Phi Omega

Contempory Issues

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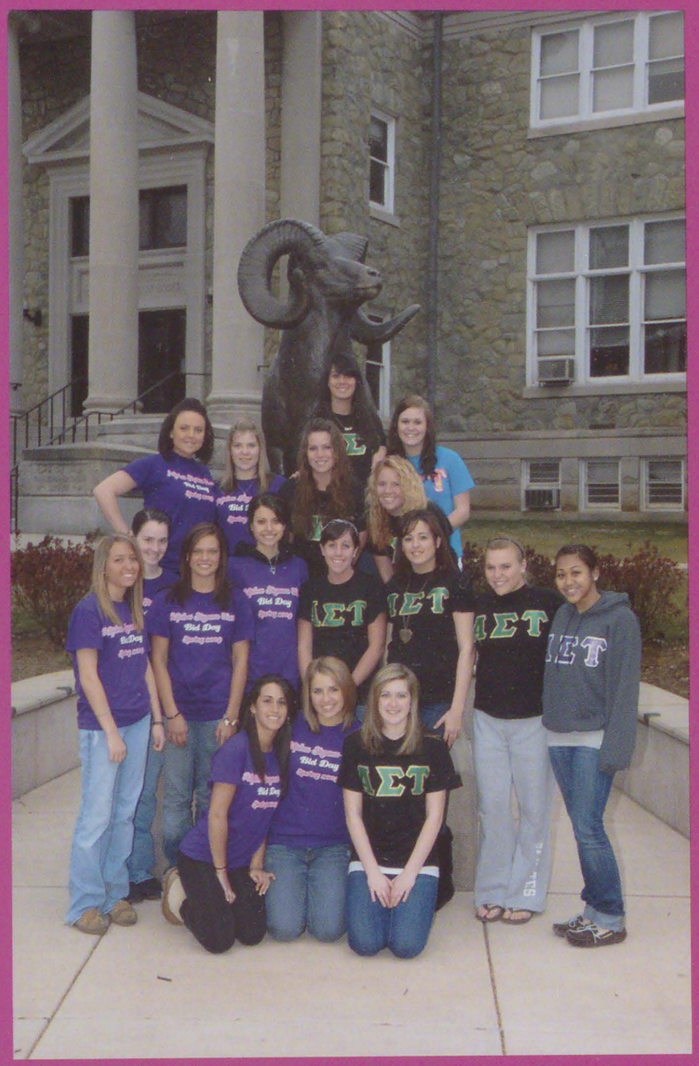

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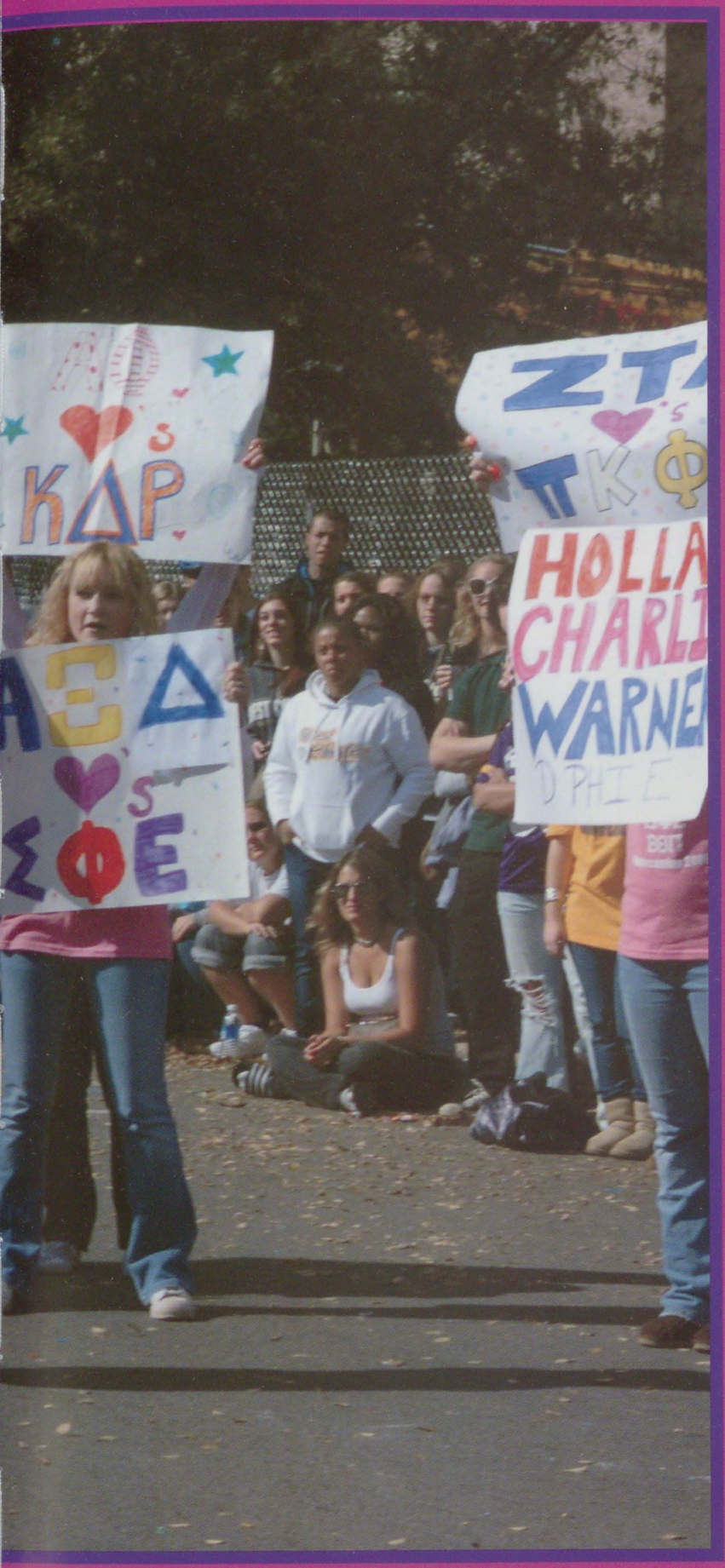
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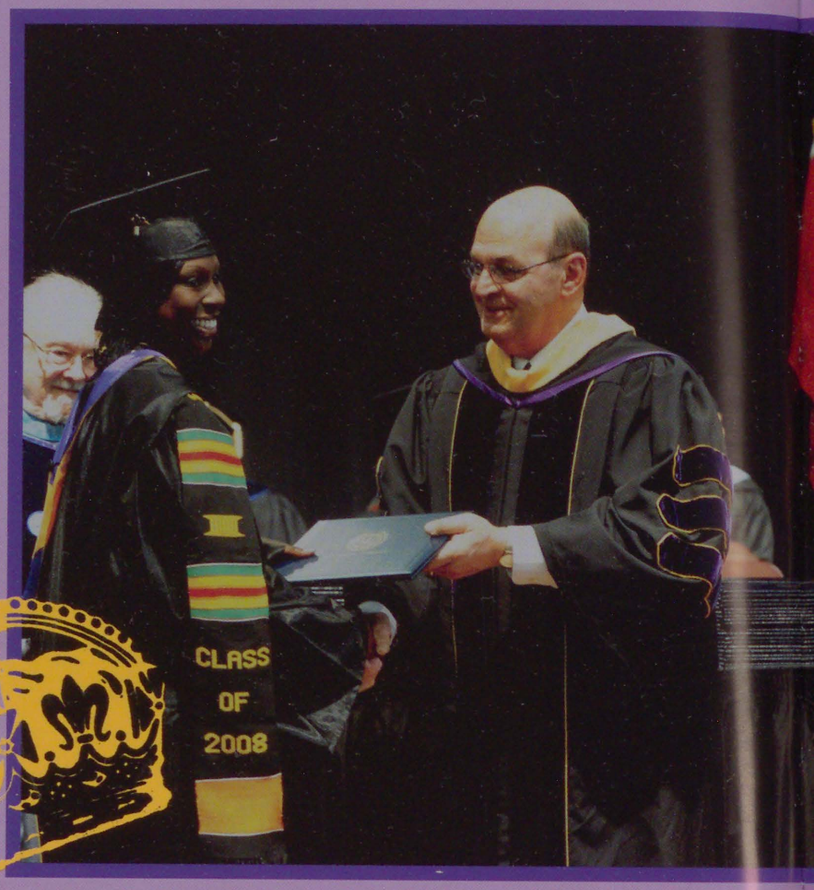
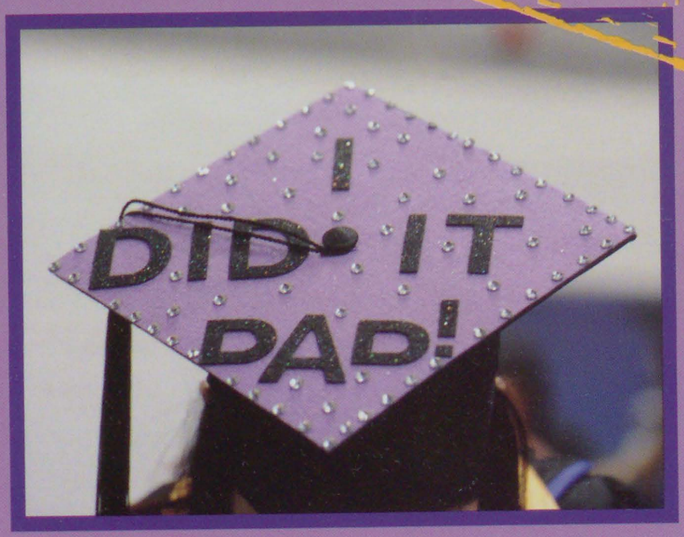


"Walking down the aisle carrying a flag in my hands at graduation was a great way to culminate my four and a half years at West Chester University. As I walked on stage and looked out at the sea of graduates, the reality of graduation had finally hit me. Come January, I would not be returning to take classes in the spring. Dr. Lamwers stood up to address the crowd and I listened to her speak, taking the information she passed along with her anecdotal story. I got up to receive my diploma, the symbol of my accomplishments and turned my tassel to left. With a few ending words, the ceremony was over. As I drove away from the university I felt as though I accomplished an amazing challenge and I know that my years at West Chester University will be forever in my heart."

- Ashley Villanueva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Spring Graduation

"Despite the on and off rain and cloudy skies, Farrell Stadium was filled with an overwhelming sense of excitement and pride Saturday, May 2 at the commencement ceremony for the 1,918 eligible students from the class of 2009. Hundreds of graduates wore plastic ponchos to protect us from the rain, but no matter what, nothing could truly dampen our spirits. President Greg Weisenstein gave the opening remarks and reminded us how truly proud West Chester University was of the class that it was presenting to the world. He also presented the Syed Ali-Zaidi Award for Academic Excellence to Andrew T. McLaughlin, which is given to one graduating senior out of all fourteen schools in the PASSHE system. In addition to receiving this award, Andrew McLaughlin was also the student speaker and he urged us to always expect excellence for the rest of our lives. Alumna Patricia Roberts, chair of the advisory council for WCU's 3E Institute, was the commencement speaker. She spoke about how her original ideas helped pioneer entrepreneurial connections for West Chester University. At the conclusion of the ceremony, fellow graduate and member of the West Chester Council of Trustees Laura Ness led the baccalaureate tasseling ceremony and John Stoddard '93, By the end, the sun was shining and Farrell Stadium erupted with cheering from faculty, administrators, family, friends, and especially from the graduates of the class of 2009. With fond memories we will always look back on West Chester University and be thankful for the lessons we have been taught, for the experiences that have led us to grow, and for the friendships that will last a lifetime.

Congratulations Class of 2009."

-Ashley Miller

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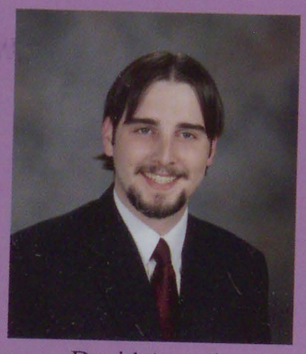
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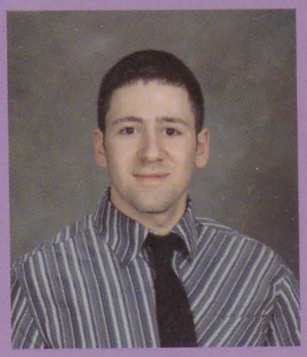
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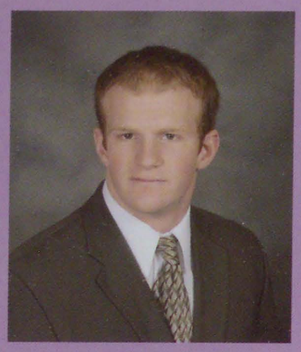
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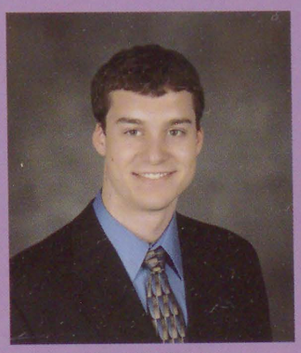
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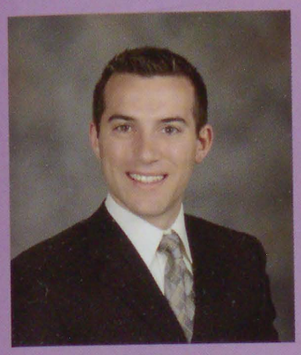
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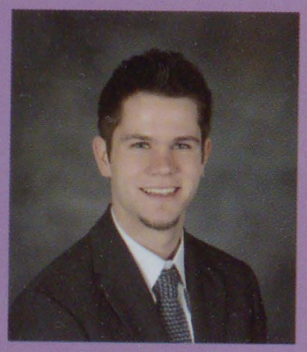
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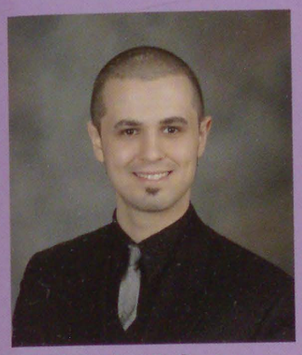
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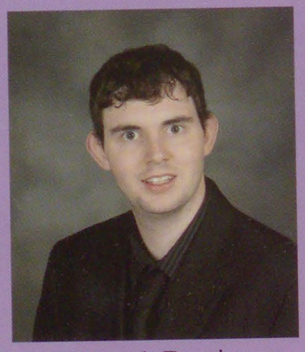
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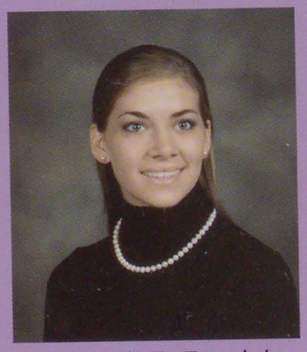
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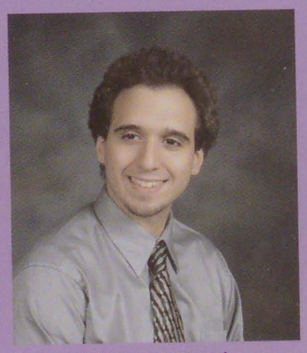
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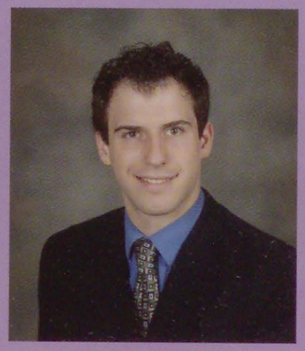
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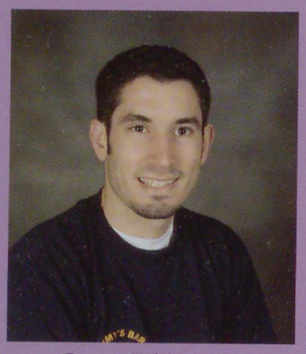
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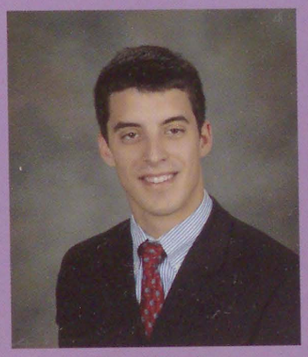
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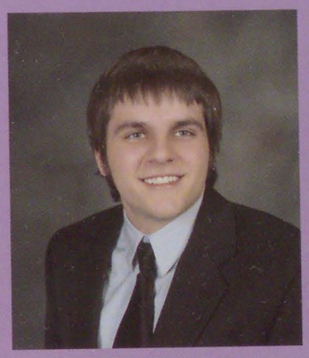
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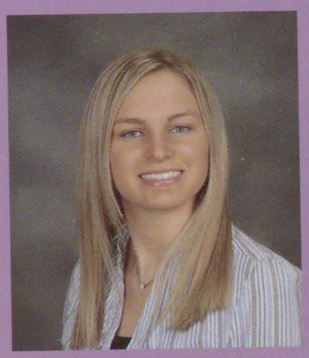
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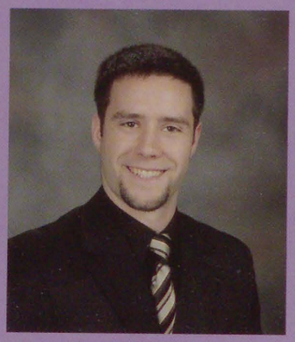
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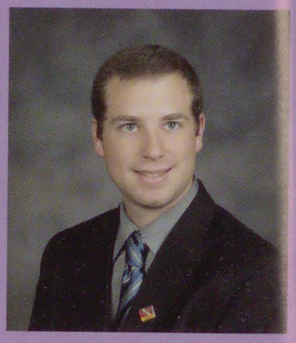
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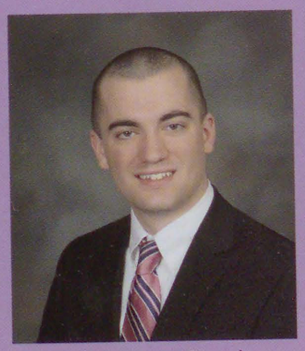
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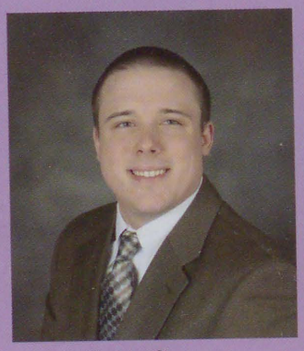
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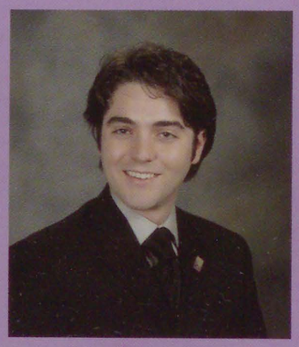
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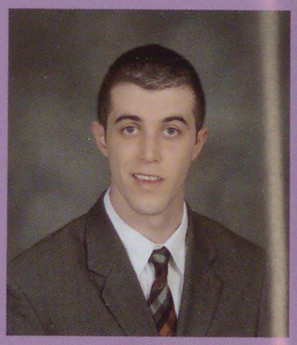
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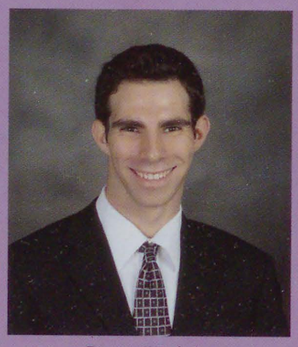
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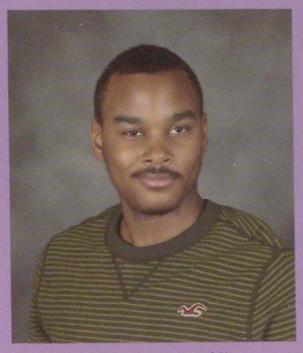
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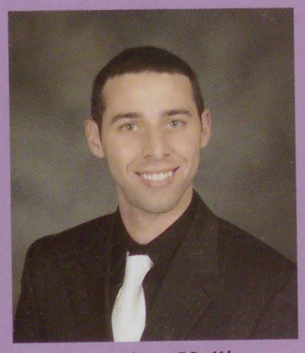
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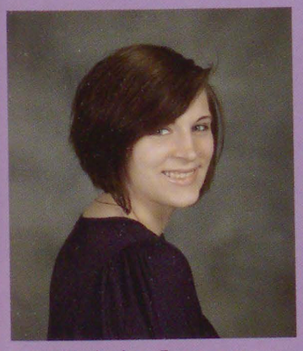
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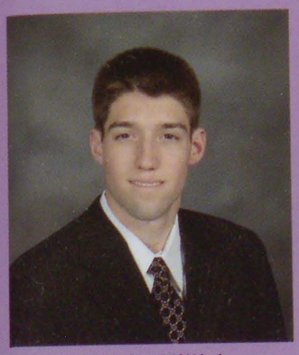
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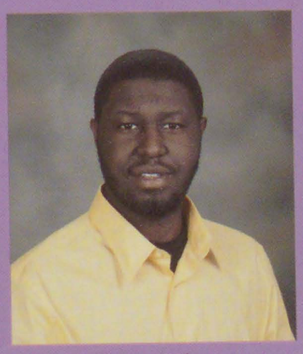
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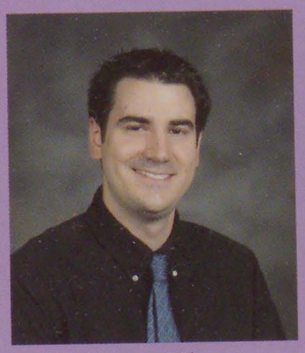
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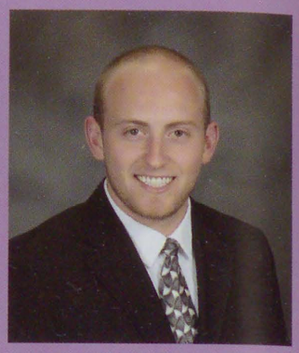
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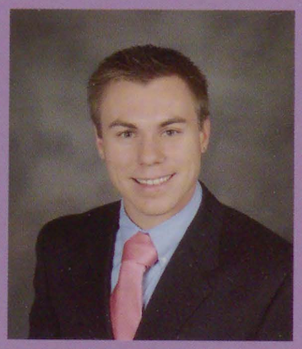
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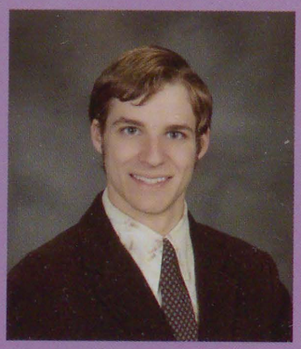
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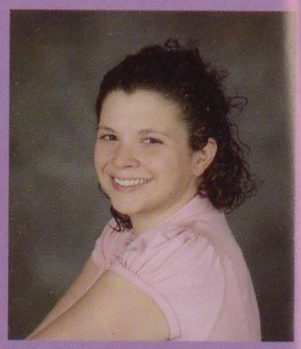
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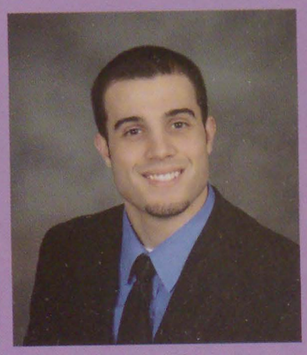
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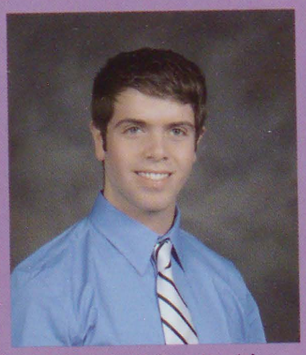
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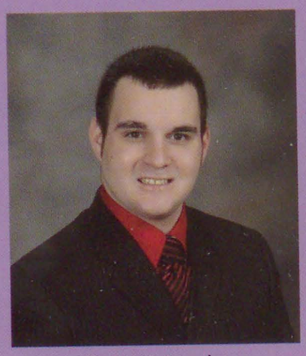
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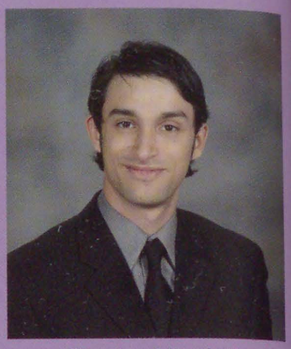
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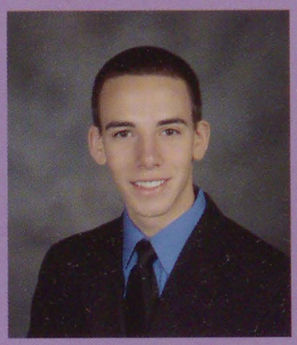
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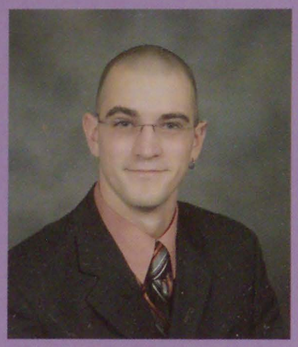
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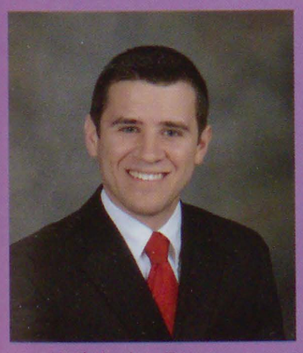
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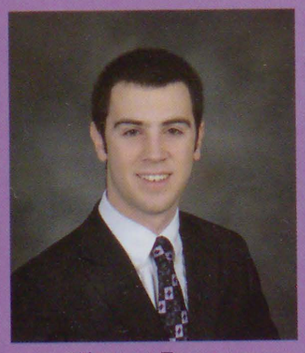
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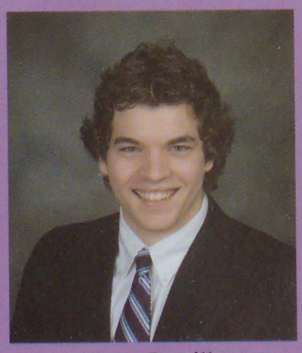
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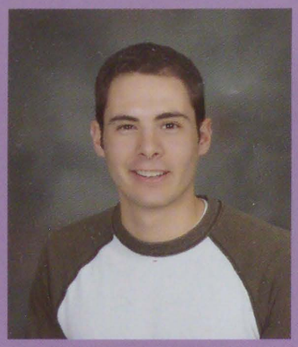
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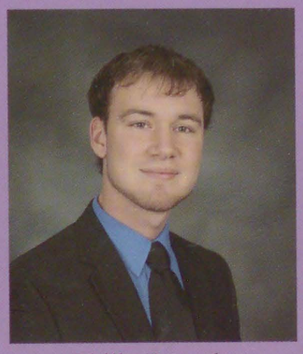
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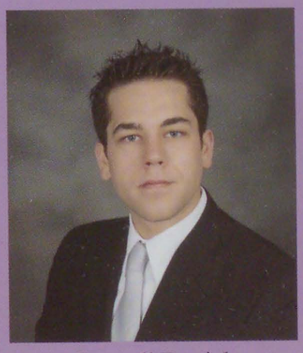
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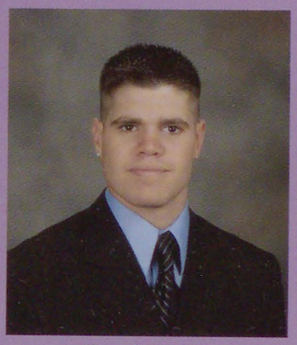
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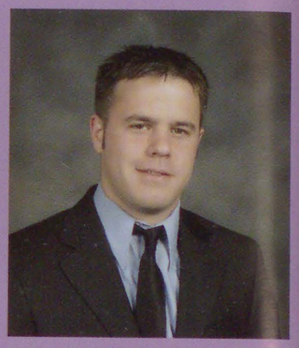
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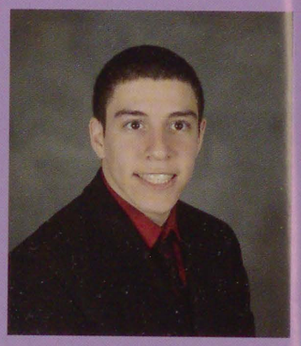
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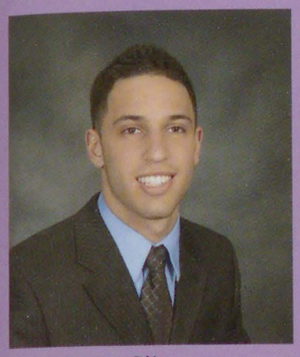
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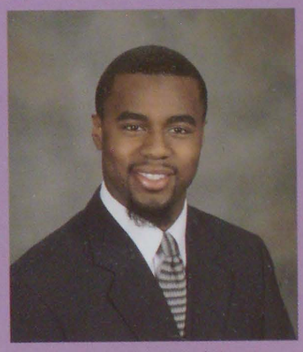
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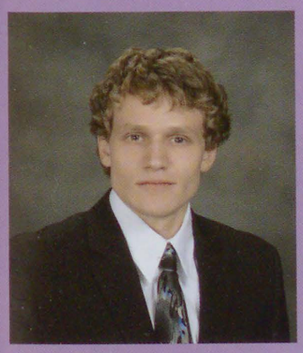
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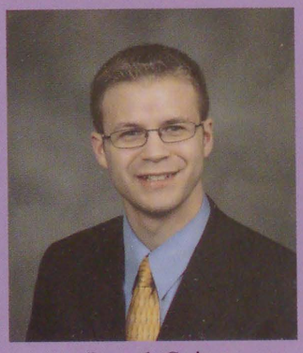
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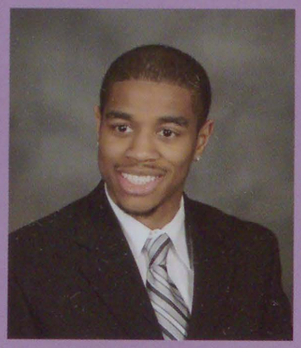
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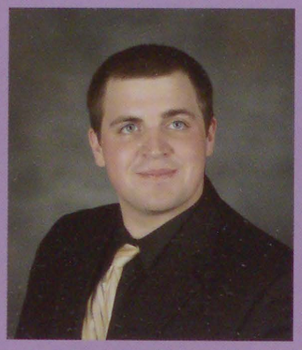
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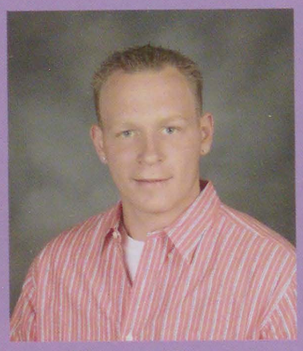
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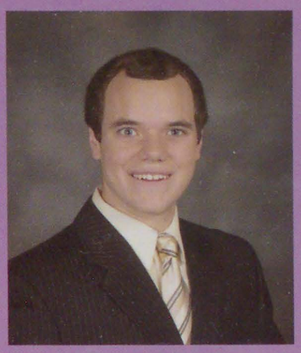
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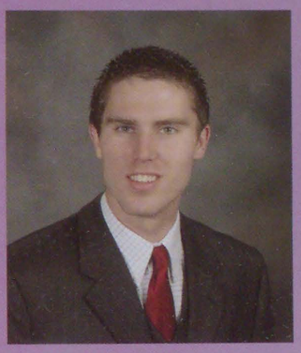
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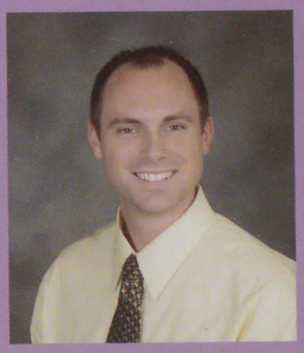
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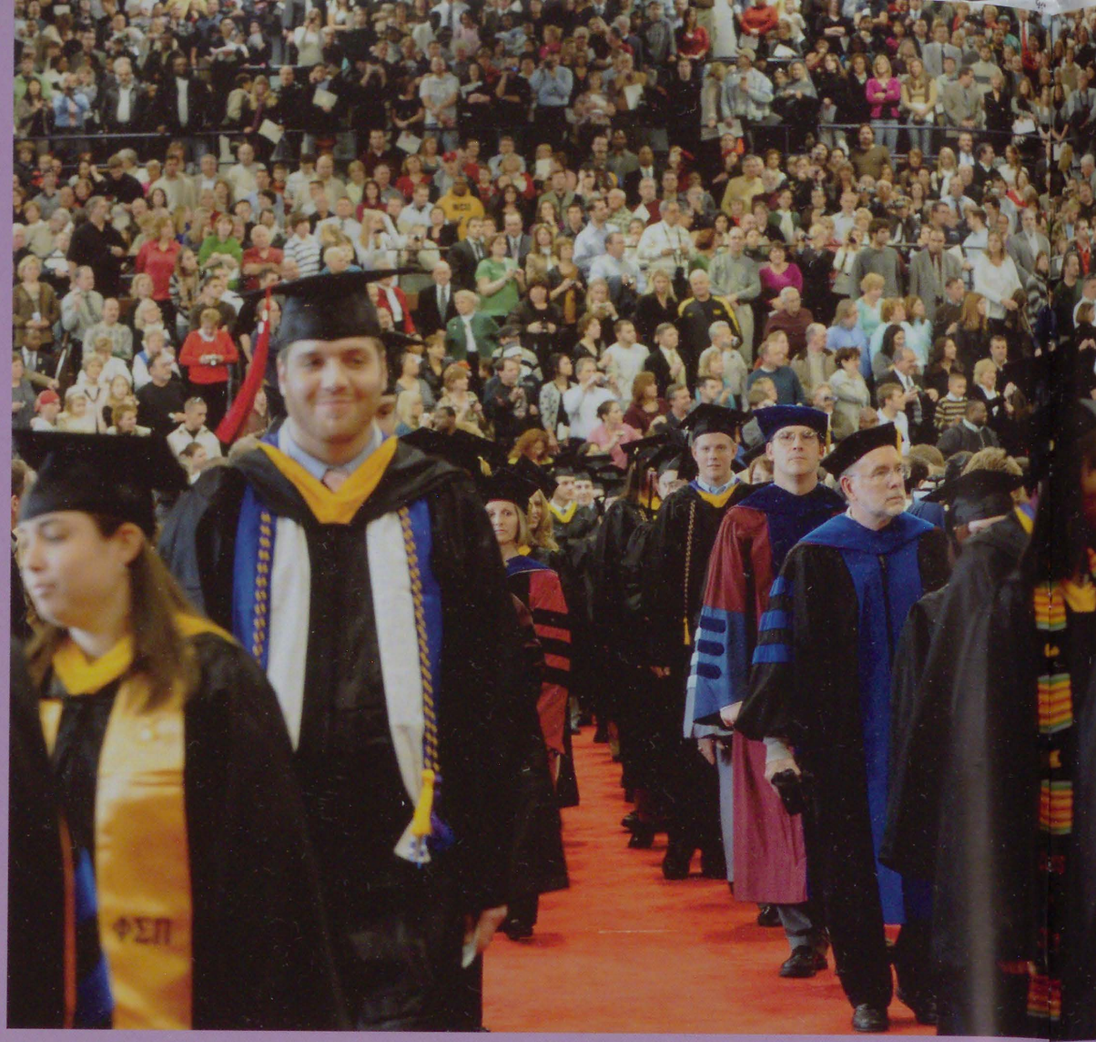

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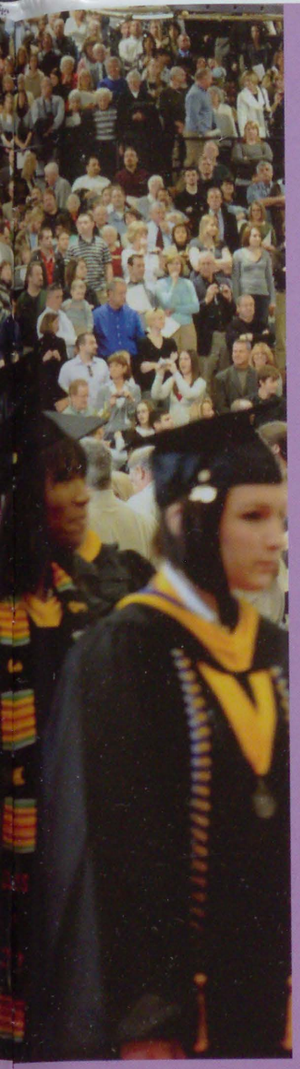

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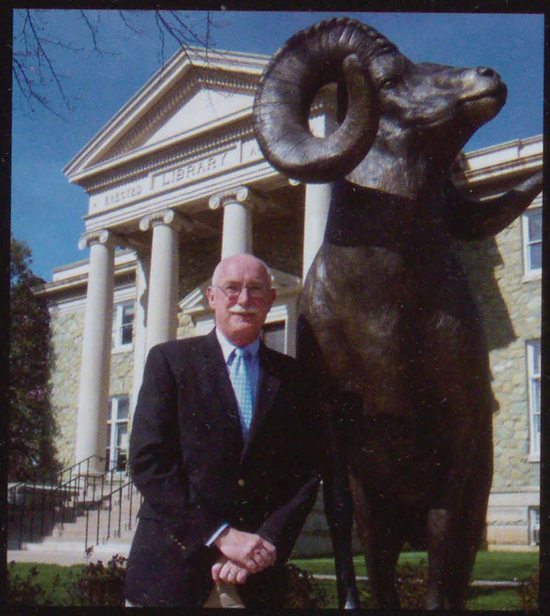

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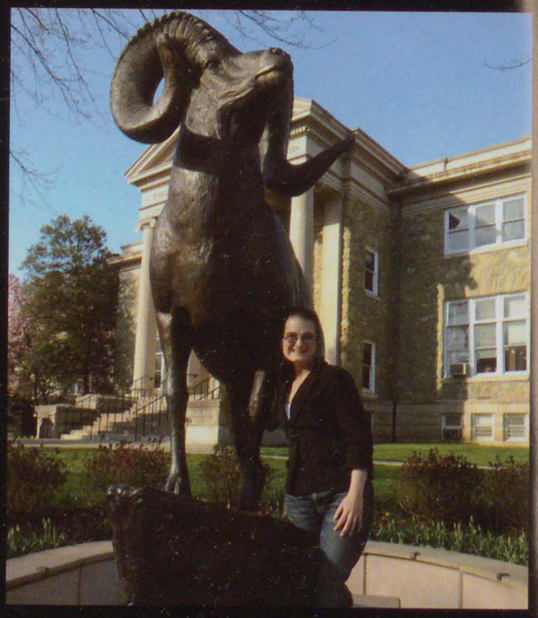

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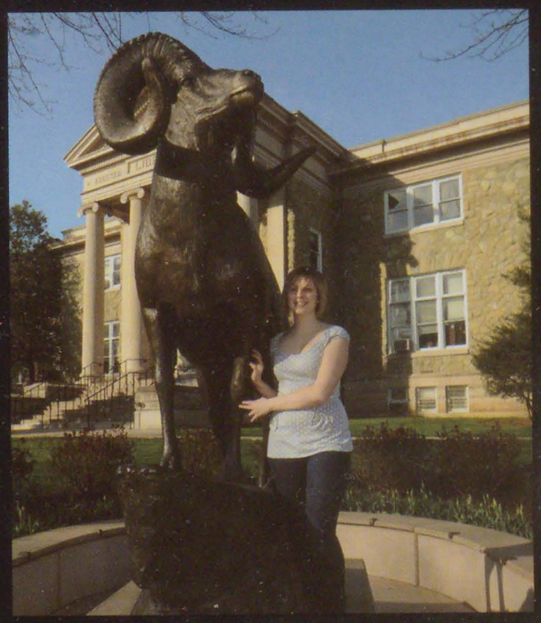

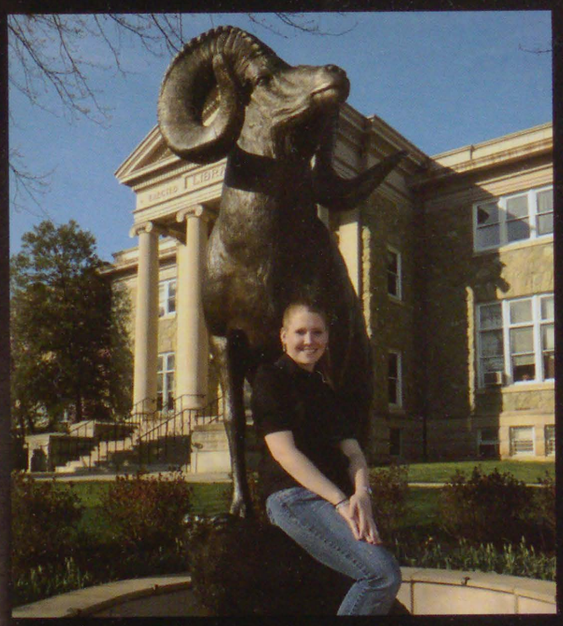

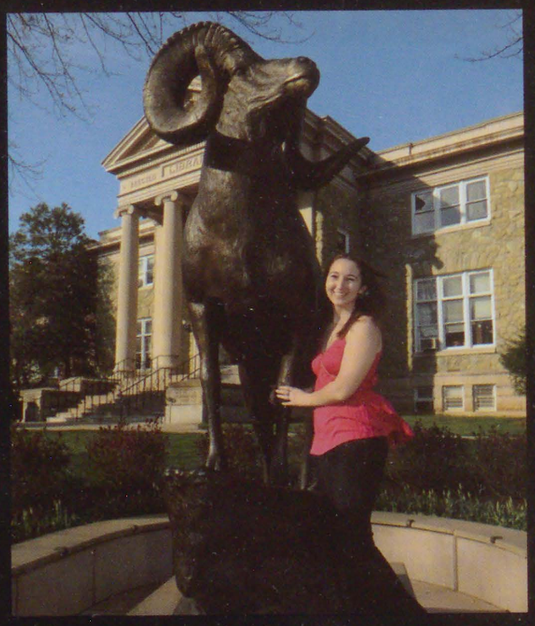

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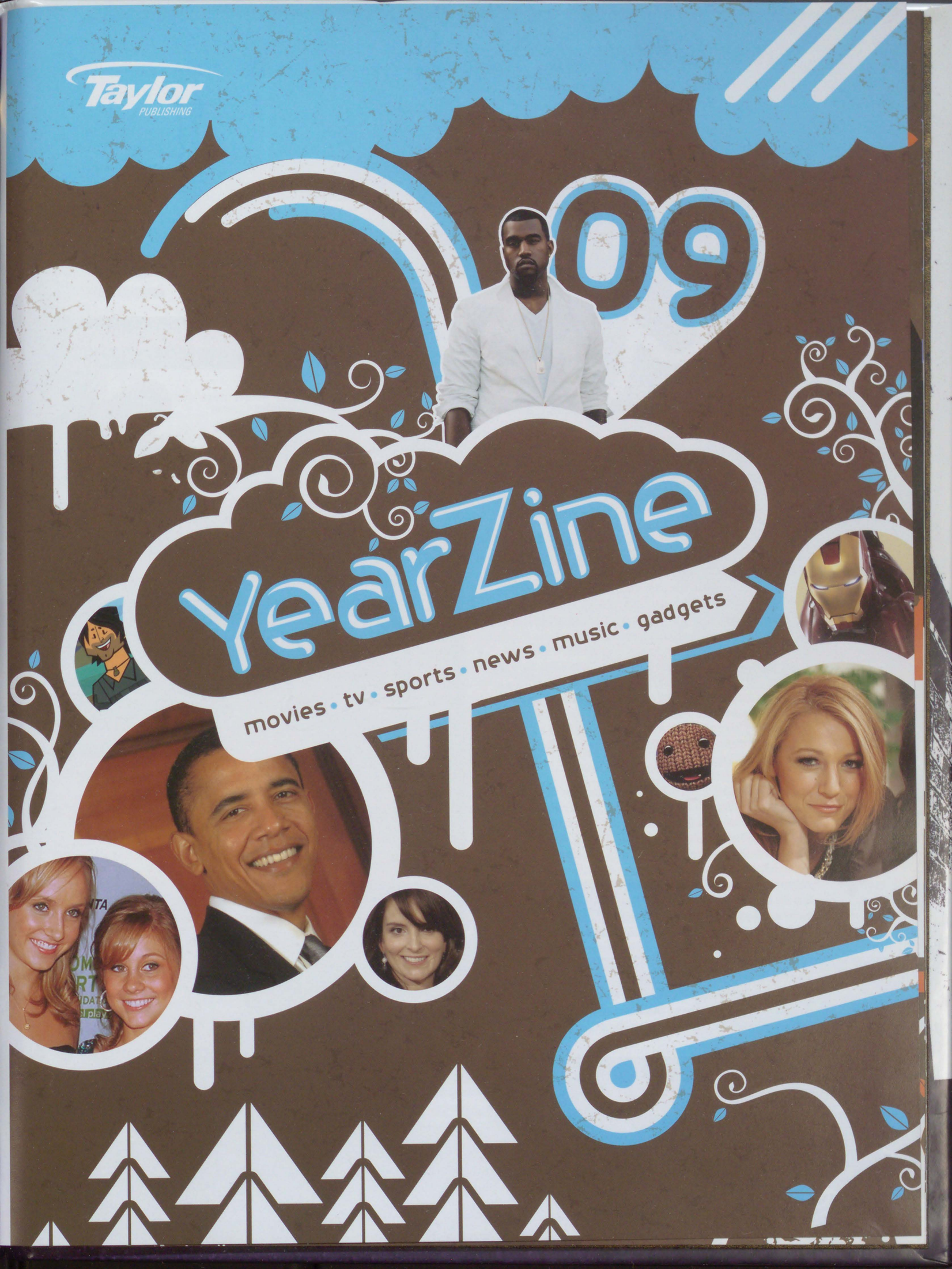

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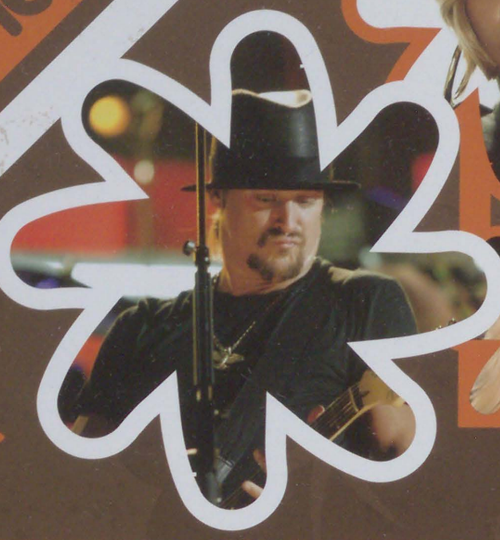


Performers at President Obama's Inaugural Celebrations

Beyoncé
Mary J. Blige
Mariah Carey
Faith Hill
Jay-Z
Alicia Keys
Shakira
Sting
Stevie Wonder
will.I.am
Common
Jack Johnson
Maroon 5
James Taylor
Liquid Pleasure
Union Station
Kanye West
Kid Rock
Fall Out Boy
Marc Anthony
Party on the Moon

Celebrity Weddings

Mariah Carey & Nick Cannon
Ashlee Simpson & Pete Wentz
Jewel & Ty Murray
Beyoncé Knowles & Jay-Z
Beth Ostrosky & Howard Stern
Jessica Alba & Cash Warren
Jenna Bush & Henry Hager
Brooke Mueller & Charlie Sheen
Monique Idlett & Timbaland
Scarlett Johansson & Ryan Reynolds

The One We'll Tell Our Grandchildren About

Okay, so this past year wasn't perfect. There were a few bumps in the road that may have caused the headlines to be predominately pessimistic. Californians had a little trouble putting out wildfires, and the Gulf Coast got a little soggy during Hurricanes Ike and Gustav. Wall Street and Detroit both needed to borrow a couple of bucks from the government after major banks and the "big three" U.S. automakers threatened to go bankrupt. Even our most beloved bean-counters, Starbucks, were forced to close over 200 locations due to an overwhelming economic downturn.

Yet through it all, we had some wonderful distractions to occupy our time and take us to happier places. The 2008 Olympics gave us athletes to rally around and an opening ceremony that dazzled the world. Superheroes topped the box office while Britney was busy making her comeback. And if ever we did have a problem, there was probably an application in iPhone's App Store that could solve it.

And underneath all of this – the good, the bad, and the ugly – was the constant buzz of the 2008 Presidential race. From the lengthy democratic primary to the overwhelming voter turnout on election day, the race was historic from day one. And in a time when words like "recession" and "bailout" seemed to dominate the nightly news, a man who built his campaign on the words "hope" and "change" became the country's choice to lead us into the next era of America. On January 20th, 2009, the entire globe watched in anticipation as Barack Hussein Obama took the Oath of Office and became the first African-American to be inaugurated as President of the United States of America.

Nope, the past year wasn't perfect; far from it. There were moments that we'd rather forget. But to have lived through it is to have witnessed history being made on some of the highest levels imaginable. And that's worth remembering.

Highest-Paid Athletes:

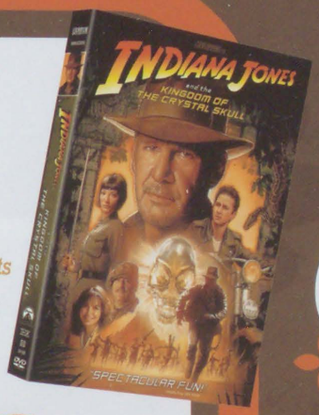
Tiger Woods
Phil Mickelson
LeBron James
Floyd Mayweather, Jr.
Kobe Bryant
Shaquille O'Neal
Alex Rodriguez
Kevin Garnett
Peyton Manning
Derek Jeter
Dale Earnhardt, Jr.
Allen Iverson
Kevin Durant
Jeff Gordon

Top Selling Cars & Trucks

Ford F-Series Pickup
Toyota Camry
Chevy Silverado Pickup
Honda Accord
Honda Civic
Toyota Corolla
Nissan Altima
Chevy Impala
Dodge Ram Pickup
Ford Focus
Chevy Cobalt
Honda CR-V
Toyota Prius
Ford Escape
Chevy Malibu

Popular Movies

- The Dark Knight
- Iron Man
- Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull
- Hancock
- Wall-E
- Kung Fu Panda
- Madagascar: Escape 2 Africa
- Dr. Seuss' Horton Hears a Who!
- Quantum of Solace



Popular DVDs

- Iron Man
- I Am Legend
- Alvin and the Chipmunks
- Enchanted
- National Treasure 2: Book of Secrets
- Wall-E
- Indiana Jones and the Kindgom of the Crystal Skull
- Bee Movie
- American Gangster

The Dark Knight

The Dark Knight has been nominated for over 150 awards recognizing several aspects of the film, (most notably the performance of Ledger), more than any other film of 2008.

Popular Songs:

- **Leona Lewis** "Bleeding Love"
- **Coldplay** "Viva la Vida"
- **Flo Rida** "Low (feat. T-Pain)"
- **Rihanna** "Disturbia"
- **Chris Brown** "Forever"
- **Madonna** "4 Minutes (feat. Justin Timberlake)"
- **Jordin Sparks & Chris Brown** "No Air"
- **Natasha Beddingfield** "Pocketful of Sunshine"
- **Sara Bareilles** "Love Song"
- **Miley Cyrus** "See You Again"
- **M.I.A.** "Paper Planes"
- **One Republic** "Apologize"

Top Paid iPhone Apps

- Koi Pond
- Texas Hold'em
- Moto Chaser
- Crash Bandicoot
- Super Monkey Ball
- Cro-Mag Rally
- Enigmo
- Pocket Guitar
- Recorder
- Air Hockey

Top Free iPhone Apps

- Pandora Radio
- Facebook
- Tap Tap Revenge
- Shazam
- Labrynth Lite
- Remote
- Google Earth
- Lightsaber Unleashed
- AIM
- Urbanspoon
- Ebay

Popular Google Searches

- Barack Obama
- Facebook
- iPhone
- Fox News
- Sarah Palin
- Tina Fey
- David Cook
- Beijing 2008
- John McCain
- Twilight
- Heath Ledger
- Kim Kardashian
- Lindsay Lohan
- Heath Ledger
- Britney Spears
- Biggest Loser
- Hurricane Ike
- Arianna Huffington
- Financial Crisis
- Angelina Jolie
- Jessica Alba
- Megan Fox
- Miley Cyrus
- Joker
- Vampire Kisses
- American Idol
- Bailout
- Lehman Brothers
- Jennifer Aniston
- John Mayer
- Dark Knight
- Iron Man
- Jonas Brothers
- Coldplay

Pouplar TV Shows

- American Idol FOX
- Dancing with the Stars ABC
- The Mentalist CBS
- NBC Sunday Night Footbal NBC
- CSI CBS
- NCIS CBS
- Survivor: Gabon CBS
- Lost ABC
- House FOX
- Gossip Girl THE CW
- Smallville THE CW
- The Big Bang Theory CBS
- Heroes NBC
- One Tree Hill THE CW
- Grey's Anatomy ABC
- 24 FOX
- Bones FOX
- Scrubs ABC
- Supernatural THE CW
- The Office NBC
- How I Met Your Mother CBS

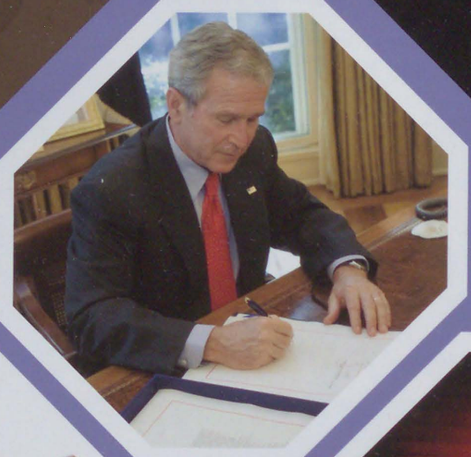
news

Hero on the Hudson

U.S. Airways pilot, Chelsey "Sully" Sullenberger, becomes a true hero when he calmly and masterfully performs an emergency water landing of U.S. Airways flight 1549 into the Hudson River, saving the lives of the 150 passengers and five crew members aboard.

Nobody Likes Ike

The third most destructive hurricane to hit the United States, Hurricane Ike pummels the Gulf of Mexico coastline causing an estimated $27 billion in damages in the U.S..

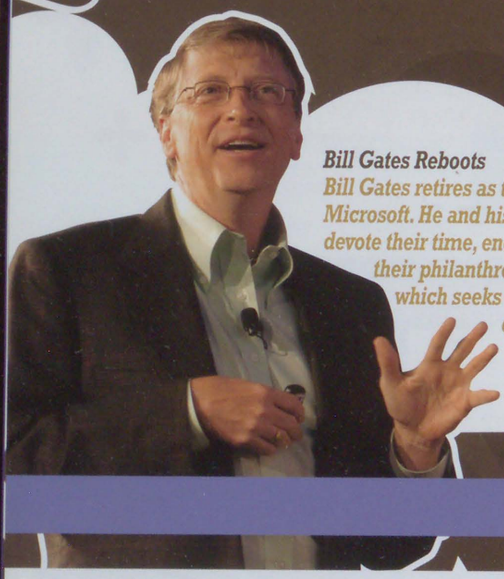


Billions Bestowed in Bailout

In an effort to help stabilize the country's financial system, the U.S. Government approves a $700 billion rescue plan for financial institutions with an additional $17.4 billion promised to U.S. auto manufacturers.

Crude Swings Cause Mood Swings

Consumers see gas prices swing from over $4.11/gallon to under $1.61/gallon. With gas prices at their highest, school districts around the country are forced to cut bus routes or move to four-day school weeks to help lower fuel costs.



Bill Gates Reboots

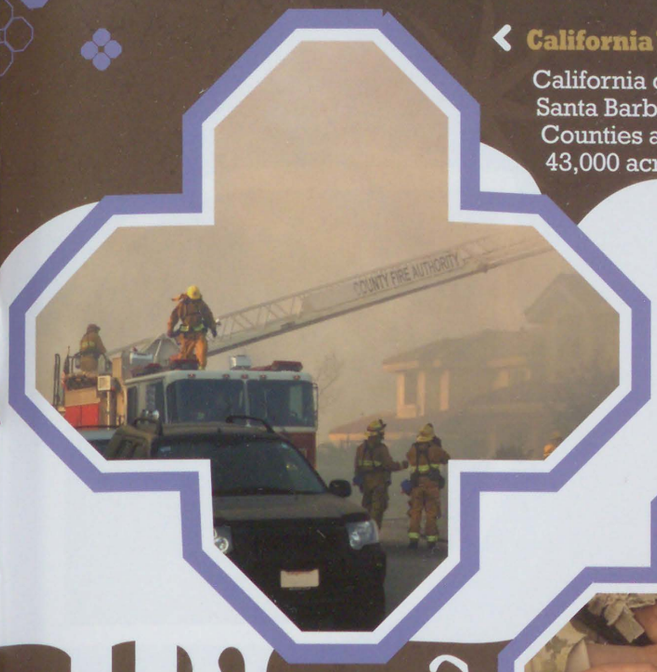
Bill Gates retires as the CEO of Microsoft. He and his wife Melinda devote their time, energy and money to their philanthropic Gates Foundation, which seeks improvements in health care and education.

Vice Presidential Look-alike

While lampooning republican VP candidate Sarah Palin on Saturday Night Live, Tina Fey's line, "I can see Russia from my house," becomes a catchphrase that actually shapes public perception of the candidate, with some voters attributing the quote to Palin herself.

Parks on a Dime

The super-tiny, two-seater European Smart Car finally arrives in the U.S., just in time for rising gas prices and a national backlash against gas-guzzling SUVs.



California Wildfires

California declares a state of emergency in Santa Barbara, Los Angeles and Orange Counties as wildfires scorch more than 43,000 acres of land, burning through residential areas and destroying at least 900 homes.

Worldwide Hunger Reaches New Levels

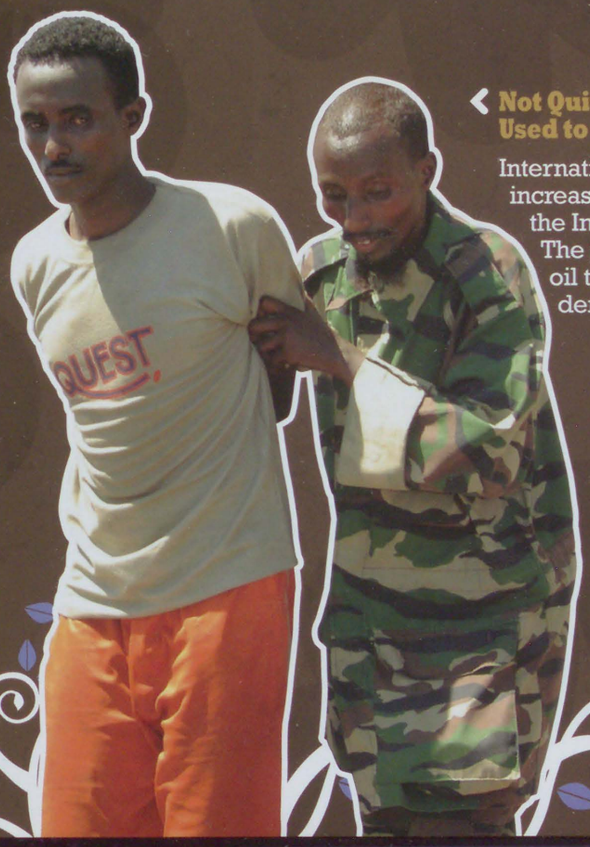
According to the United Nations, rising food prices around the world have plunged an additional 75 million people below the hunger threshold, bringing the estimated number of undernourished people worldwide to almost 1 billion.

Obama-Nation

On November 4, 2008, millions of voters braved long lines at the polls to elect Barack Obama to become the 44th President of the United States and the first African American to hold the nation's highest office.

Terrorist Attacks in Mumbai

In November of 2008, at least 173 people were killed and at least 308 were injured in a series of ten coordinated terrorist attacks across Mumbai, India's financial capital and its largest city. The attacks are carried out by a Pakistan-based Islamic terrorist group.



Not Quite the Disney Pirates We're Used to Seeing in the Movies

International shipping is threatened by increased activity of Somali pirates in the Indian Ocean and Gulf of Aden. The pirates hijack merchant ships, oil tankers and cruise liners and demand ransoms.

We Fear What We Don't Understand

Experiments involving a Large Hadron Collider spark fears among the public that the LHC particle collisions might produce doomsday phenomena, involving the production of stable microscopic black holes or the creation of hypothetical particles called strangelets.

movies

Read the Book, See the Movie

Girls, choose your perfume carefully. According to "Twilight," your scent could send your hunky vampire boyfriend into an uncontrollable thirst for blood.

Why... So... Serious?

In "The Dark Knight", Batman and new district attorney Harvey Dent team up to rid Gotham City of all its criminals. Meanwhile, a mysterious and psychopathic sadist known only as The Joker surfaces, unleashing a new wave of chaos and testing the limits of Batman's virtues.

They All Lived Whackily Ever After

Skeeter Bronson's life is changed forever when the fantastical fables he fabricates with his niece and nephew start to mysteriously come true in Disney's "Bedtime Stories."

Just Do Whatever Your Cell Phone Tells You To Do

In "Eagle Eye," Jerry and Rachel are thrown together by a series of phone calls from a mysterious and highly demanding woman who taps into limitless technologies to push them into dangerous situations and track their every move.

The Curious Case of Benjamin Button

Benjamin Button is born an 86-year-old man and ages backwards through time, making his life...complicated. Inspired by F. Scott Fitzgerald's short story of the same name, the film earns 13 Academy Award® nominations, including Best Picture, Best Actor (Brad Pitt), and Best Director (David Fincher).

Kung Fu Panda

When Po, the laziest, most lathargic and least-likely of Kung Fu fans becomes "the chosen one" to battle Tai Lung to protect the Dragon Scroll, "panda-monium" ensues.

Sophie Has Three Daddies

On a quest to find the identity of her father, Sophie brings back three men from her mother's past, one of whom will walk her down the aisle on her wedding day. In "Mamma Mia!" new love blooms, old romances are rekindled and everyone bursts into song and dance.

Amazing Heir Restoration

The Pevensie siblings return to Narnia, where they are enlisted to once again help ward off an evil king and restore the rightful heir to the land's throne in "The Chronicles of Narnia: Prince Caspian."

Fun Cubed

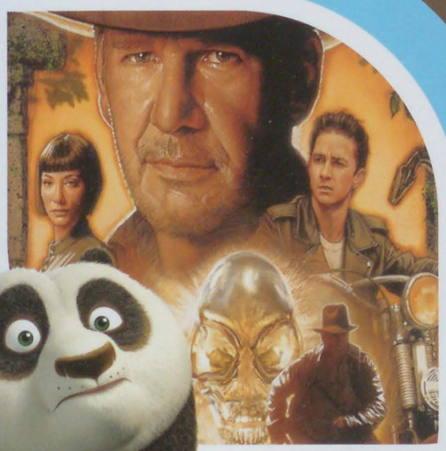
Earth's last trash compactor follows a sleek search robot into space, where he accidentally stumbles upon the key to the planet's future in Pixar's "WALL•E."

Yes He Can

In "Yes Man," Carl Allen's life is going nowhere until a self-help seminar convinces him to say "yes" for one year to any and every opportunity life puts in his path.

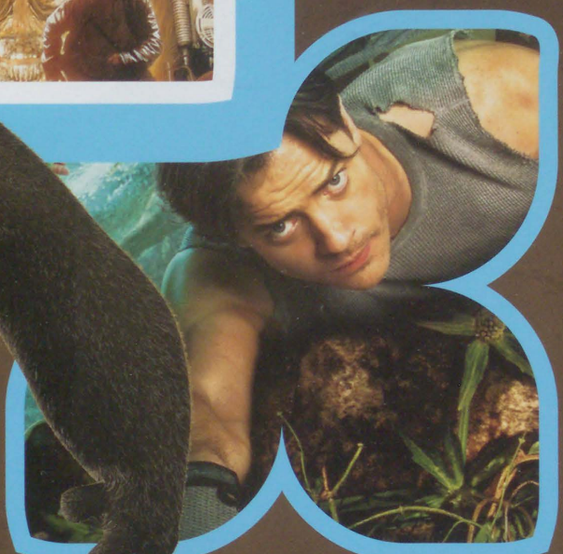
Nobody Likes a Bully

Three socially deficient high school students seek to avoid a bully's reign of terror by hiring a body guard. Their best (and cheapest) candidate is a homeless, down-on-his-luck soldier named "Drillbit Taylor."



The Archaeologist Becomes the Artifact

The fourth installment of the "Indiana Jones" movies sees our aging archaeology hero and a young whipper-snapper join forces to face the dangers of the jungle, Soviet agents, and... aliens? Nearly 30 years after "Raiders of the Lost Ark," Harrison Ford dusts off his Fedora and bullwhip to bring us "Indiana Jones and the Kingdom of the Crystal Skull."

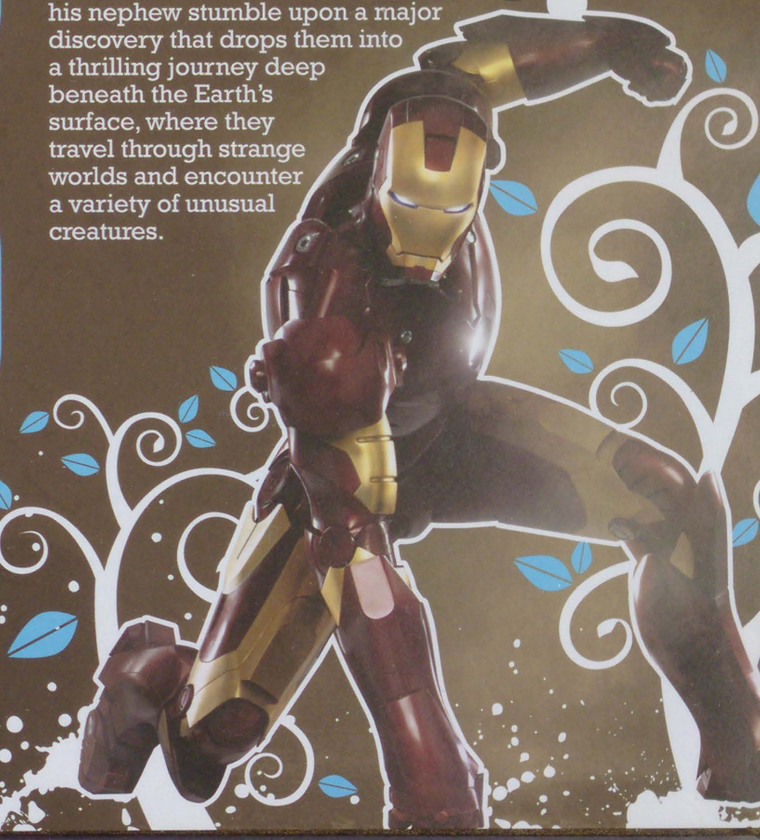


It's What's Inside That Counts

"Journey to the Center of the Earth" is the classic Jules Verne novel come to life. An unconventional scientist and his nephew stumble upon a major discovery that drops them into a thrilling journey deep beneath the Earth's surface, where they travel through strange worlds and encounter a variety of unusual creatures.

Metal Militia

What happens when gazillionaire industrialist Tony Stark decides to stop building high-tech weapons and instead build an armored suit that turns him into an army of one? "Iron Man" is born.

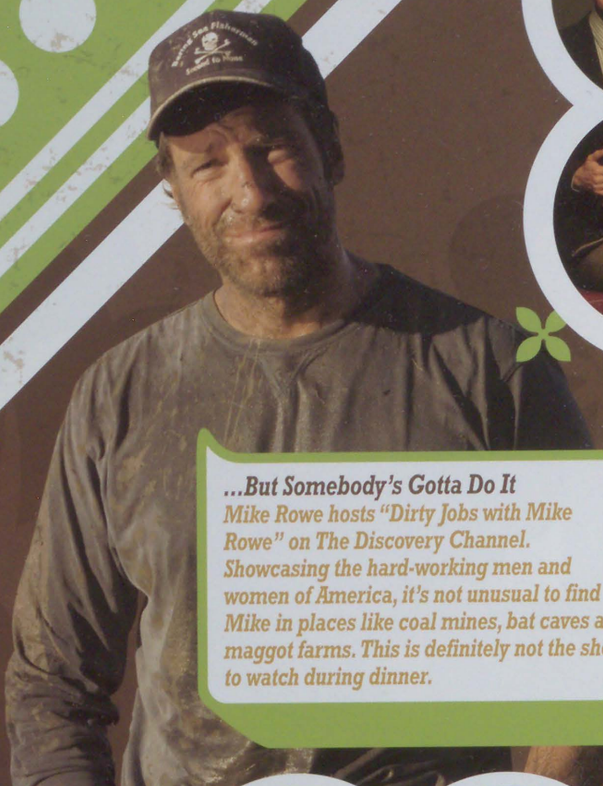


Our Dad Tells Long Stories, Too

The story of "How I Met Your Mother" has been going on for four years now. We're starting to think that dad is making it up as he goes along. Luckily, the story is hilarious.

"30 Rock" is on a Roll

In 2008, Tina Fey's "30 Rock" takes home four Emmy's, three Golden Globes and one Peabody Award while ratings continue to rise.



...But Somebody's Gotta Do It

Mike Rowe hosts "Dirty Jobs with Mike Rowe" on The Discovery Channel. Showcasing the hard-working men and women of America, it's not unusual to find Mike in places like coal mines, bat caves and maggot farms. This is definitely not the show to watch during dinner.

Diss and Tell

Based on the popular book series of the same name, "Gossip Girl" gives viewers a peek into the world of privileged teenagers in an elite private school in New York City.

Reality TV Animated

Twenty-two teens. One summer. Nothing in common. And the cameras animators were there to capture everything! "Total Drama Island" is the most unreal reality show on television.

"ER" Flatlines

After 15 seasons and 120 Emmy nominations, it's time to say goodbye to the staff of Chicago's County General Hospital.

It Keeps Us Tuned In

Sure, the intertwined plotlines and eye-candy cast make this North Carolina show worth watching. But with musical guest stars like Jimmy Eat World and Fall Out Boy, it's definitely the soundtrack that keeps "One Tree Hill" at the top of our TiVo.

"I'll Be Back. ...Every Friday at 8:00 on Fox."

Picking up where The Governator's movies left off, "Terminator: The Sarah Connor Chronicles" sees Sarah and her son John on the run from Terminator robots who were sent from the future to stop John Conner from becoming the leader of the human resistance.

Will The Real Frank Caliendo Please Stand Up?

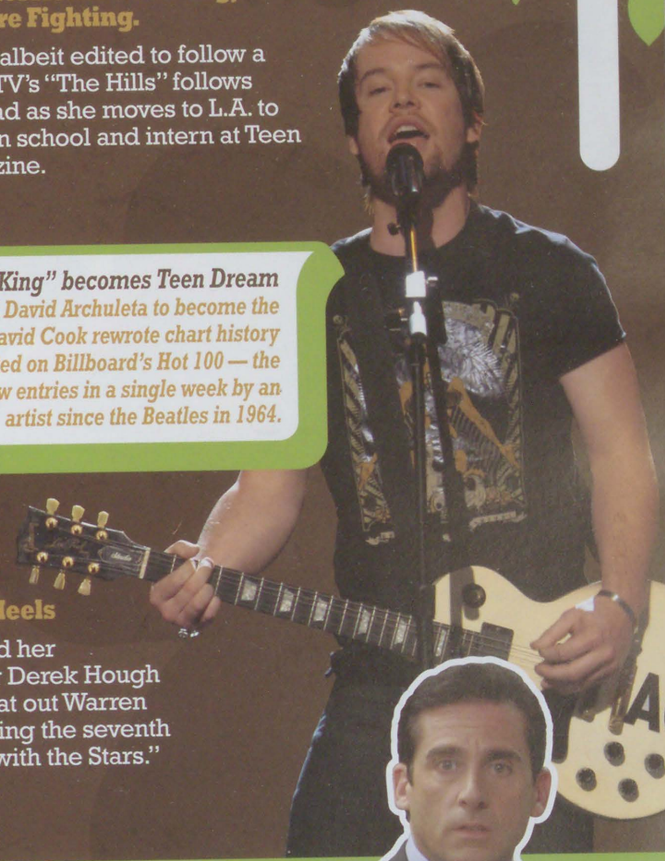
What do you do with a guy who can impersonate John Madden, Al Pacino, the entire cast of "Seinfeld" and Yoda, to name a few? You give him his own show, call it "Frank TV," and watch to see who he'll impersonate next.

The New Nine-Oh-Two

New characters, new hairstyles, same famous zip code. "90210" is a re-boot of the popular '90s teen drama "Beverly Hills, 90210." And don't worry gang - after graduation you can re-boot "Melrose Place."

It's Like Professional Wrestling, But With More Fighting.

"Unscripted, albeit edited to follow a storyline," MTV's "The Hills" follows Lauren Conrad as she moves to L.A. to attend fashion school and intern at Teen Vogue magazine.



"Midwest King" becomes Teen Dream

One week after edging out David Archuleta to become the 7th "American Idol," David Cook rewrote chart history when 11 of his songs debuted on Billboard's Hot 100 — the highest number of new entries in a single week by an artist since the Beatles in 1964.

Backwards and in High Heels

Celebrity Brooke Burke and her professional dance partner Derek Hough cut rugs well enough to beat out Warren Sapp and Lance Bass, winning the seventh season of ABC's "Dancing with the Stars."

"The Office" Romances and Reunions

Dunder Mifflin's Scranton branch bustles with activity as Jim and Pam get engaged, Michael falls in love with the new HR rep, Andy and Angela call the wedding off, and Ryan and Toby both triumphantly return to Scranton.

music

Fangs For The Memories

Fusing African Pop and New Wave sounds, indie rockers Vampire Weekend release their highly-anticipated debut album to mixed reviews. Tracks like "A-Punk" and "Campus" frequently pop up in TV commercials and movie soundtracks.

Sad Songs Say So Much

Following the untimely death of his mother and breaking up with his fiancée, Kanye West takes a dramatically different and much more introspective approach to writing and recording his fourth studio album, "808s and Heartbreak."

Beyoncé Sings For Kings

It's always a good year when your album, "I Am... Sasha Fierce", debuts at No. 1. And it's a better year when you get to sing for the President and First Lady's first dance at their Inaugural Ball.

The Secret Life of Alicia Keys

Alicia Keys stays busy recording duets with Jack White and John Mayer, both of which receive Grammy nominations. Keys also stars in "The Secret Life of Bees" and performs at President Obama's Neighborhood Inaugural Ball.

Marketing Genius or Just Really Good Music?

Coldplay embraces the digital age by offering their track "Violet Hill" as a free download for one week before their album "Viva la Vida" is released. The album goes on to sell more downloads than any album in digital history.

Swiftly Becoming a Superstar

With two albums in the Top 10 and over four million albums sold, Taylor Swift is country music's best-selling artist of 2008 and Billboard's Top Country Artist and Hot Country Songwriter of 2008.

If You Keep Bleeding, Maybe You Need Stitches

Leona Lewis' single, "Bleeding Love", is nominated for three Grammy awards and is followed up by the release of singles "I Will Be" and "Better in Time."

Thr33 Ring Circus

After lending his talents to several other artists' singles in 2008, T-Pain releases his third album, "Thr33 Ringz," which features guest appearances by Busta Rhymes, T.I., Lil Wayne, Ludacris, DJ Khaled, Ciara, Chris Brown, Rick Ross, Kanye West and many more.

Shine On You Crazy Diamond

Hip-hop singer Estelle releases her second album, "Shine," which includes the single "American Boy" featuring Kanye West.

Good Girl Gone Bad

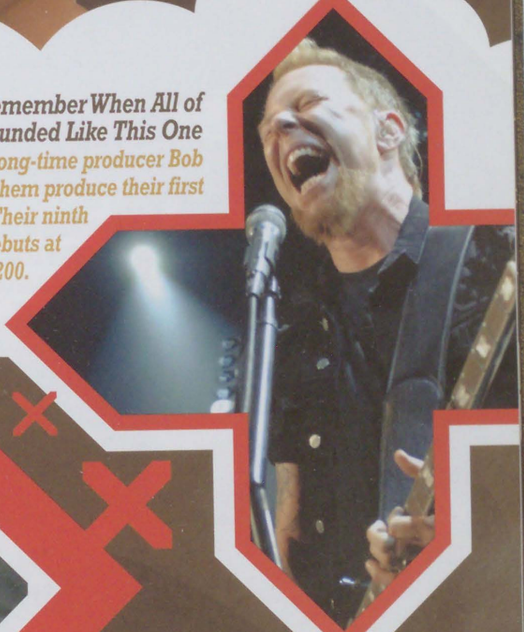
Rihanna releases a deluxe edition of her album, "Good Girl Gone Bad: Reloaded," which features "Take a Bow," a remix of "If I Never See Your Face Again" with Maroon 5, and the U.S. number-one single "Disturbia."

P!nk's Funhouse

P!nk's fifth studio album, "Funhouse", debuts at no. 2 in the US and shows that she still has her rock moves.

You're Too Young to Remember When All of Their Albums Sounded Like This One

Heavy-metal icons Metallica ditch long-time producer Bob Rock in favor of Rick Rubin, who helps them produce their first heavy metal album in over 20 years. Their ninth studio album, "Death Magnetic," debuts at number one on the Billboard 200.



The Boys are Back, and They Brought Some Friends

For their fifth studio album, "Folie à Deux," Fall Out Boy continues to evolve their musical style while collaborating with Elvis Costello, Lil Wayne, Debbie Harry and Pharrell Williams among many others.

No Small Change

After three years without a studio album, Canadian rock band Nickelback releases "Dark Horse," a follow-up to their multi-platinum "All The Right Reasons."

We Can Only Endorse Two Out of Three of His Album Title Activities.

Jason Mraz and his song "I'm Yours" receive two Grammy nominations while his album "We Sing. We Dance. We Steal Things" also receives a Grammy nod.

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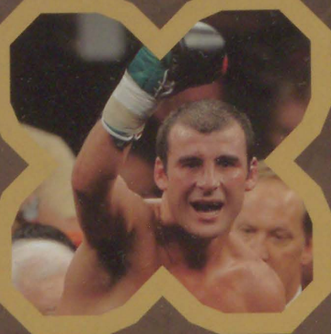
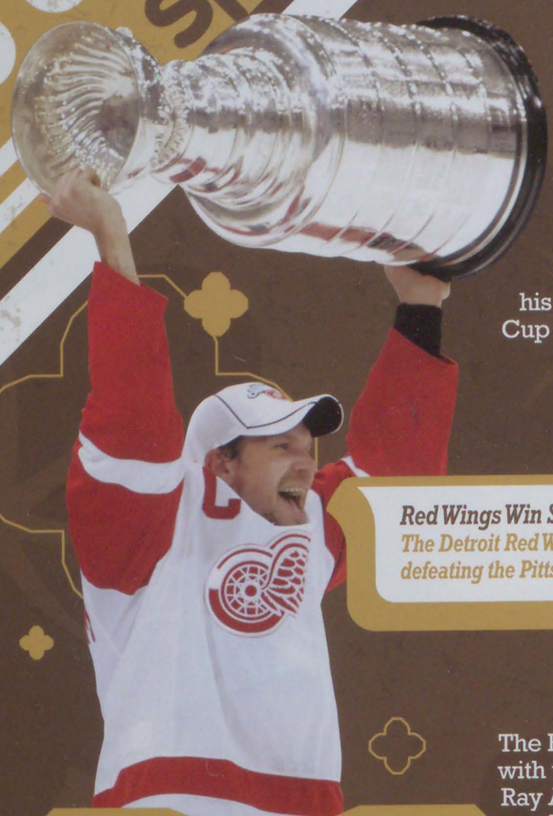


Funny Name, Serious Strength

Joe Calzaghe remains unbeaten after 46 fights, the highlight of his year being a 12-round unanimous decision over Roy Jones, Jr. at Madison Square Garden.



Driven To Win

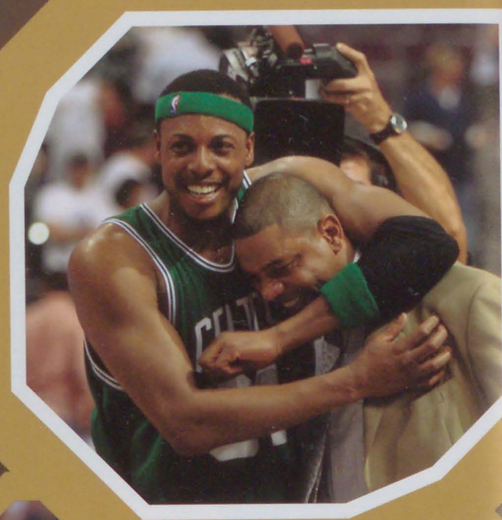
NASCAR superstar, Jimmie Johnson finishes the 2008 race season 69 points ahead to secure his third consecutive NASCAR Sprint Cup championship. Johnson is the first three-peat champion since Cale Yarborough in 1976-78.

Red Wings Win Stanley Cup

The Detroit Red Wings win their 11th Stanley Cup, defeating the Pittsburgh Penguins 4 games to 2.

Irish Eyes Are Smiling

The Boston Celtics return to prominence with the acquisition of Kevin Garnett and Ray Allen during the off-season, and win their 17th championship, beating the Los Angeles Lakers 4 games to 2 in the 2008 NBA Finals.

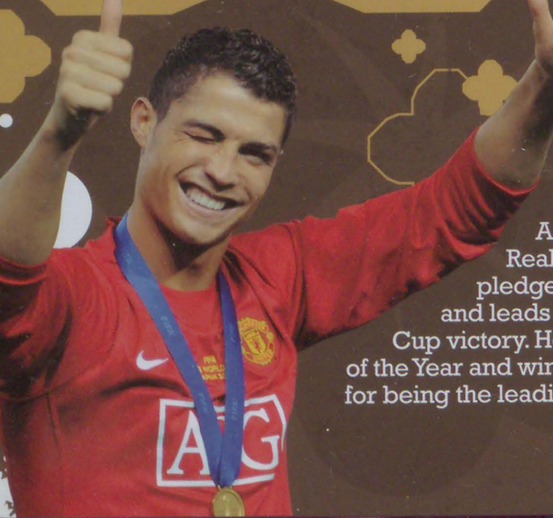


Bye, Bye Birdies

The Pittsburgh Steelers become the only team to win six Super Bowl titles by defeating the Arizona Cardinals, 27-23, in the final seconds of Super Bowl XLIII. With 35 seconds left in the game, Steelers QB, Ben Rothlisberger, hits Santonio Holmes in the corner of the end zone to win the title.

The Phillies Win the Series

The Philadelphia Phillies defeat the Tampa Bay Rays 4-3 in game five to win the 2008 World Series.



He's Got the Heat in Both Feet

Amid rumors of leaving to play for Real Madrid, Cristiano Ronaldo pledges to stay with Manchester United and leads them to a 2008 FIFA Club World Cup victory. He is also named European Footballer of the Year and wins the European Golden Shoe Award for being the leading goalscorer.

Beijing Olympics Golden Boy
Swimmer, Michael Phelps, sets records by winning eight gold medals in the 2008 Olympic Games, the most ever won at a single Olympics. He also holds the record for most career gold medals, with 14 to his name. He also holds seven world records in swimming events, and was named Sports Illustrated's "Sportsman of the Year" for 2008.

One-Legged Woods Gets the Win

Returning to the golf course for the first time since arthroscopic knee surgery, Tiger Woods plays through excruciating pain to win the U.S. Open at Torrey Pines Golf Course in La Jolla, California.

Gators Sink Teeth into Sooners

USC, Florida, Texas and Oklahoma all had one loss during the 2008 season, and there was some controversy over which two teams should play for the BCS National Championship title. Ultimately, Florida and Oklahoma took the field in Miami, with the Gators beating OU 24-14 for the national title.

King of Clay

After 160 weeks of being ranked number 2 behind rival Roger Federer, Raphael Nadal clinches the year-end World No. 1 ranking, and adds "Olympic Gold Medal Winner" to his resumé.

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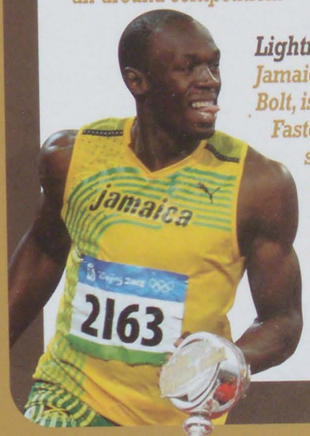
TOP MEDAL WINNERS:

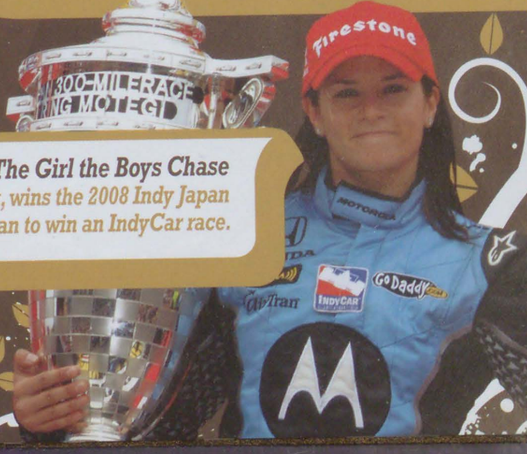
	GOLD	SILVER	BRONZE
China:	51	21	28
USA:	36	38	36
Russia:	23	21	28

U.S. "Redeem Team" Takes Back Gold
After going eight years without winning a gold medal, the U.S. Men's Basketball Team upsets Spain 118-107 to recapture golden Olympic glory.

America Flips Over These Gymnasts
U.S. Gymnasts, Nastia Liukin and Shawn Johnson, become America's darlings after respectively winning both the gold and silver medals in the individual all-around competition.



Lightning Bolt
Jamaican sprinter, Usain Bolt, is crowned "The Fastest Man Alive" after setting three world records and taking home three gold medals in the 2008 Summer Olympics.



The Girl the Boys Chase
IndyCar Series racer, Danica Patrick, wins the 2008 Indy Japan 300, becoming the first woman to win an IndyCar race.

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Never Leave the Couch Again

Netflix was the first company to let us skip the trip to the video store by bringing movies to our mailbox. And now their Roku technology allows us to skip the trip to the mailbox. The Roku digital video player instantly streams high quality movies from Netflix and Amazon Video On Demand over the Internet directly to your TV.

Shaken, Not Shuffled

The updated iPod nano gives you nine bold colors to choose from, a "Genius" feature that turns your iPod into your own super-smart DJ, and a built-in accelerometer that lets you shake your iPod to shuffle songs.

Put a Movie Theater in your Pocket

Plug Optoma's 4-ounce Pico Pocket Projector into your smartphone, iPod, digital camera, DVD player or any device with an A/V output, and it will project photos and videos up to 60 inches wide.

Stop Shooting Video With Your Phone

The Flip Mino HD is the world's smallest high-definition camcorder. Weighing only 3.3 ounces and only 4 inches tall, the Mino has a built-in USB connection that directly uploads to YouTube and MySpace, giving everyone the opportunity to achieve their 15 minutes of fame.

The Couch Potato Killer

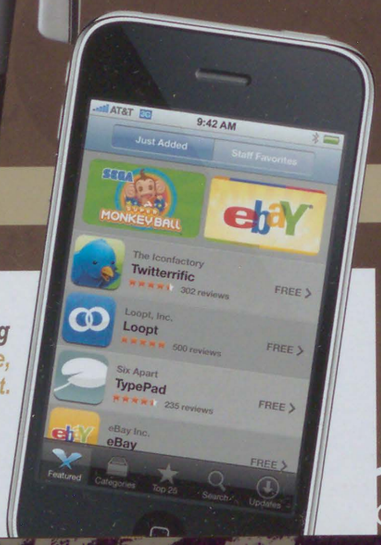
Combining fun interactive games with a touch-sensitive balance board, Nintendo's Wii Fit remains such a popular item throughout the year that it's often sold out in stores.

Time to Cut the Cord

For audiophiles who don't like being tethered to wires, the Sennheiser MX W1 wireless earphone system gives you amazing sound with minimum bulk.

And the Hits Just Keep On Coming

As though the iPhone and iPod Touch aren't fun enough, Apple launches The App Store, where users can download thousands of games and applications for their favorite gadget.



Game-Changing Performance

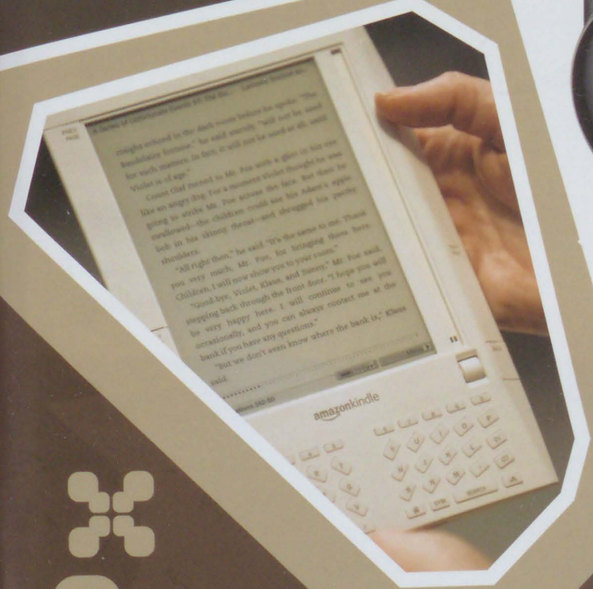
With game systems becoming more and more advanced, the face of video games is beginning to change too. Popular titles like Rock Band and Guitar Hero exploit features like high-speed internet connections to make multi-player games available across the globe. Games like Little Big Planet and BUZZ! Trivia include options for user-created content. Sony's PlayStation, Xbox 360 and Nintendo's Wii also include online stores, where users can download games directly to their console's hard drive, saving the expense of packaging and delivery of thousands of games.

It's My Party and I'll Fly If I Want To

The BMW M3 once again sets the performance benchmark for its class. After a one-year absence, the M3 returns with a completely new look inside and out and, for the first time ever in a production car, a 414-horsepower V-8 engine. The folding hard-top convertible model is a must-have for your Super Sweet 16th.

Hold Still...Wait, No... Nevermind

The Nikon D90 is the world's first digital SLR with an HD movie mode, allowing you to record cinematic-quality movie clips in high-definition.



Move Over, MySpace

Proving that teens will indeed go where no adult has gone before, thousands of youngsters migrate away from MySpace and onto other social networks like Facebook and Twitter. But the grown-ups are starting to infiltrate those communities, too, leaving us to wonder which corner of cyberspace we can hide in next.

If You Only Read One Book This Year...

The Amazon Kindle probably isn't for you. But if you are an avid bookworm, the wireless electonic reader from Amazon is a must-have. Choose from thousands of titles and store up to 200 books in a device the size of one paperback novel. And the Kindle's built-in WiFi connection makes it possible to download novels wherever you are.

Barack Obama *becomes the 44th President of the United States*

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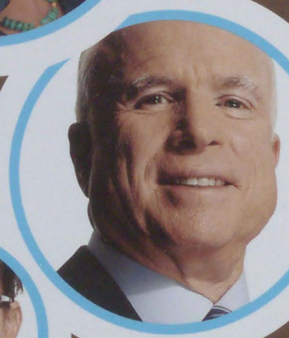
Hillary Clinton

The former First Lady and Senator of New York is Obama's formidable opponent during a lengthy Democratic Primary, yet she campaigns for Obama after his nomination is secured. After his election, President Obama names Hillary Clinton as Secretary of State.



John McCain

Obama's Republican opponent, Arizona Senator John McCain spends 2008 criss-crossing the country campaigning for President, ultimately getting only 46% of the popular vote and 173 electoral votes to Obama's 365.

Sarah Palin

This little-known governor from Alaska makes a huge splash when announced as John McCain's running mate. The prospect of being the country's first female Vice-President instantly makes the 2008 election historic regardless of its outcome.

"Change Has Come to America."

On January 20th, 2009, Barack Hussein Obama became the 44th American to take the Oath of Office, and the first African American elected President of the United States. He delivered his inaugural address before a crowd packed with over 1.5 million people eager to be part of the historic inauguration, and stone silent as President Obama spoke. Grown men and women cheered and wept as they witnessed history being made. The President delivered a very crisp, clear speech addressing all walks of American life and our neighbors around the globe.

"I Stand Here Today Humbled by the Task Before Us."

Barack Obama's election is as historic as the challenges he faces as the country's leader. The man who built his campaign on hope and change addressed the nation with a somber yet optimistic call to duty for all Americans to begin rebuilding a nation that is " bigger than the sum of our individual ambitions; greater than all the differences of birth or wealth or faction."

"Starting today, we must pick ourselves up, dust ourselves off, and begin again the work of remaking America."

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